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HARD-UP BUT SO HAPPY!

BY DAVID JACK

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, whose financial problems would drive many a Soccer club insane, are in great spirits as they eagerly look forward to the 1986 season.

Far from drastically cutting expenditure to meet old debts, the Greek-supported team has splurged on a team-building programme which few clubs would have the courage to contemplate.

They don't count their dollars or their drachmas at Sydney Olympic. Not when the great prize of the NSL championship is the prime target.

Tom Doumanis, Olympic's new president, admits his club has invested big money in its quest for the title.

"The present team has cost around a quarter of a million dollars to put together," said Doumanis. "And it is worth every cent when you see how the players perform."

"The cash we have spent will come flowing back with big match attendances - if the team plays as well as it did last week against St George."

"Stuart Stevenson from Heidelberg looked very good, even though he hasn't played since August. And Simon Brandt from

Newcastle is another important capture.

"When Martyn Rogers and Mick Coady return, Olympic will have a team to please all our supporters," promised Doumanis.

The players share this infectious enthusiasm. They are all convinced 1986 will be Sydney Olympic's year.

I asked talented Youth Soccerer Chris Kalantzis how he would rate the current side.

"We are a very good team and we'll be even better when Mick Coady gets back," said Kalantzis.

"I think we'll win the National League."

"In that Ampol Cup match against St George, we played as a real team and killed the opposition."

"Looking ahead to the NSL, I do not think Olympic need fear anyone, but the biggest danger could be from Marconi."

"This 1986 Sydney Olympic team could be the best the club has ever had," added Kalantzis.

We must hope Doumanis and Kalantzis are right.

After all, it has long been accepted in NSW Soccer that a winning Sydney Olympic is the best possible guarantee of big crowds and a prosperous competition.



CHRIS KALANTZIS, confident of a successful season.

MANLY BOY FOR OLD TRAFFORD

BY DAVID JACK

ONE lucky young Soccer player will train and play alongside the Manchester United greats in April.

For a month, he will mix with Bryan Robson, Jesper Olsen, Frank Stapleton, Gordon Strachan, Gary Bailey and the other United headliners.

What's more, the youngster's trip won't cost him a cent. It is the brain-child of popular Soccer identity Johnny Thomson and it is being funded by the Dee Why Rotary Club.

"Some time ago, I thought it would be great to give a promising young Soccer player the chance of a trip to England to train with a top team," said Thomson.

"There is no better team than Manchester United, so I wrote to club chairman Martin Edwards outlining the scheme."

"He replied accepting — even though United are deluged with similar requests from all over the world and have to refuse most."

"The Dee Why Rotary Club is solidly behind this plan — which means the young player who goes to Old Trafford will have no air fares or hotel bill to worry about."

A panel of three will judge the most suitable boy for the trip.

Team coaches or secretaries should nominate boys they feel should go on this marvellous Manchester United scholarship.

There are only two provisos... the young player must come from the Manly Warringah district in Sydney and he must be between 15 and 17.

Playing particulars and achievements of players should be listed and sent to Johnny Thomson at Dee Why Rotary Club, c/- Master Builders Club, Fisher Road, Dee Why, NSW 2099.

DON'T DELAY. Entries close on February 28.

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ONE of the smartest moves made by Soccer officialdom for some time is the decision to keep a close check on attendances at matches in the Olympic Airways National League.

The game has decided to become honest. And, if the plan works, we should at last get fairly accurate crowd figures ... for the first time in many years.

This policing of gate figures had to be brought in once it was decided that spectator support would be part of the criteria for membership of the contracted NSL next year.

For too long, regular patrons of the NSL matches have had credibility stretched to the limit when official crowd figures were announced.

Those fans are not so gullible as some clubs imagine.

For instance, if there are clearly about 400 spectators at a match at Sydney Athletic Field, why tell the customers there are 1,877?

And if the excellent grandstand at St George Stadium is completely full, but there is only a small sprinkling of fans on the other sides of the ground, it is obvious the official crowd is around 3,000. Why announce a crowd of 5,924?

While crowd figures at Sydney grounds are invariably inflated, the situation in Melbourne is even more ludicrous.

Practically every Sunday, the official attendances from Melbourne games are in nice round figures.

We are asked to believe there is a 9,000 crowd at Middle Park, 4,000 at Olympic Park and, maybe, 3,000 at Schintler Reserve.

Isn't it amazing how we never had the odd one or two spectators at a game to upset those NEAT attendance figures?

It will not be easy for the NSL — despite its good intentions — to ensure we are given honest and accurate gate figures in 1986.

Will NSL watchdogs Steve Kamasz and Peter Russell count every customer who pays his few dollars? Will the turnstiles be linked to a computer which will spill out an accurate crowd verdict at half-time?

More important, will those teams with notoriously small match attendances do the right thing and remain honest at every home game?

Without genuine cooperation from the clubs, the system cannot work.

The proposed new set-up is also something of a double-edged sword because, as far as propaganda is concerned, it could be most damaging to the code of Soccer.

Even with inflated crowd figures, Soccer already suffers scorn from Rugby League and Aussie Rules people who enjoy much better patronage of their games.

Soccer will have to endure much criticism from rival codes if accurate and honest crowd figures, rather than the inflated ones, are revealed this season.

Soccer's cause will be damaged if there are 200 spectators at a Brisbane Lions home game — and the official crowd is announced as 200.

And if only 400 people watch a Sydney City home game the code's image is going to suffer if that actual 400 attendance is published.

Yet these are risks which must be taken if a genuine picture of club support is to emerge.

By the way, let nobody imagine Soccer is the only offender when it comes to "bodgy" gate figures.

More than one Rugby League club, so we are told, adds thousands of non-existent spectators to its crowd for propaganda purposes. And Rugby Union has been known to inflate a crowd of 200 to over the 1,000 mark.

The latest sport to become acutely crowd-conscious is basketball, with devotees of that game claiming they attract as many spectators as Soccer.

They have to be kidding!



A BAD-TEMPERED MATCH WITH GLORIOUS GOALS

BY DAVID JACK

REFEREE Graham Warne had to put up with plenty of abuse from players, officials and spectators in the ill-tempered Ampol Cup quarter-final at St George Stadium.

Warne, a referee of great experience even though he has not been a regular on National League matches, would probably agree that this was not one of his better matches.

Yet having said that, I cannot point the finger at the man with the whistle and suggest he should carry the blame for the nastiness in this match.

The first half was a disgrace to both teams. Player after player went in as if determined to cripple his opponent and if players are in that mood, it is difficult for any referee to control what goes on.

In fact, Warne handed out four yellow cards and two red. And he could certainly not be accused of being too liberal with the cards.

If players misbehave, they must pay the penalty. And the big penalty for Joe Rizzotto of Marconi and Stuart Stevenson of Olympic was being sent-off. I cannot sympathise with either.

Fortunately most of the mayhem was concentrated in the first half: after the interval when players mainly discarded the rough stuff, the football served up was excellent.

In the last eight minutes, Peter Raskopoulos scored two of the most dazzling goals he will ever score ... one from 28 metres and the other from 30 metres.

"I just took pot shots," said Raskopoulos afterwards.

Olympic's opening goal was an opportunist effort from Chris Kalantzis af-

ter 34 minutes when the Youth Soccerroo chested the ball down and hit it well.

The score was not a true reflection of the play because, in the second half when they mounted many dangerous raids, Marconi might easily have scored a couple of goals.

Tony Henderson hit the post and went close with two more chances and David Lowe had a very useful outing for no reward.

It was, indeed, always an interesting contest for the 6,021 people who turned up but it's a pity we had to endure so many questionable tackles from both teams in that dreadful first half.



PETER RASKOPOULOS, two crackers!

GIAMPAOLO MAGNIFICENT FOR MONARO

JOHN ECONOMOS

INTER-MONARO, inspired by former international striker, Sebastian Giampaolo, sent the gallant young Newcastle Rosebud crashing out of the NSW Ampol Cup. Monaro who had firm control throughout the match defeated the northerners 2-0 in the quarter finals at the St George Stadium.

Giampaolo, one of Australia's most skilful players, who over the years has promised so much yet delivered so little, was Monaro's hero.

As early as in the 18th minute, Giampaolo shaved Newcastle's left post with a strong shot, but redeemed himself two minutes later when he scored from 10 metres out, despite his shot hitting the right post but luckily ricocheting the right way and into the net.

Newcastle's midfield unit of Bobby Naumov, Joe Senkalski and Neil Owens, disappointedly failed to gain control of proceedings, allowing their opposing trio of Ian Wotherspoon, Atti Carbone and Luci Djordjieski to get on top.

In fact, had it not been for Newcastle's excellent goalkeeper, Kiwi Clint Gosling, Monaro's

Newcastle seemed to play without any confidence whatsoever as Giampaolo and Carbone repeatedly cut deep into Newcastle's half, forcing the northerners into fundamental errors.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Monaro went further ahead through a penalty awarded by referee, Gary Power, when Giampaolo was fouled in the box.

Giampaolo took the spot kick and sewed up the match for Monaro.

Star performers for the winners were Giampaolo, Carbone and Ricki Budini whilst for Newcastle, Gosling and Ralph Maier were the pick. Scoreline would have been greater.

Giampaolo should have scored at least a hat-trick as in the 41st minute another fine effort was magnificently blocked by Gosling.



BAZ GIAMPAOLO — star performer.

EUROPEAN DRAW

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SOUTHS GET DAVO FOR 'PEANUTS'

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CROATIA TRIUMPH BUT FARINA SENT-OFF

BY FRANK COLETTA

SYDNEY CROATIA showed some new-found mettle in their Ampol Cup quarter-final match with Sydney City to come back from a goal down and win 2-1.

Sparked by some scintillating wing-play from Zeljko Jurin, Croatia knocked in two goals in five minutes to down the Slickers.

Following a drab first half, both sides became a little more adventurous in the second half after it looked another bout of extra-time was going to be necessary.

Whilst Croatia rejoiced, City had more than just defeat pains to contemplate as star forward Frank Farina was shown the red card with two minutes remaining in the match.

Following a clash with Australian team-mate, Graham Jennings, Farina allegedly fouled Jennings lying on the ground.

Croatia held the upper hand throughout and even during the unimpressive first half were able to

display some aggressive and meaningful running.

Sydney City however went ahead in the 67th minute when Jean Paul de Marigny sent winger Graham Fletcher striding through the centre of the defence to score.

But then Jurin put his head down to produce several dynamic runs down the left touch-line.

One of his runs in the 71st minute ended with his cross into the Sydney City goalmouth, beating the whole defensive line to find Graham Arnold sliding it in.

Five minutes later Croatia took the lead when Zarko Odzakovic sent Jurin away again for his cross to be headed home by Emil Dragicevic.

So the majority of the 3523 people at the ground went home contented.



ALAN DAVIDSON (left) pursues Scotland's striker, Frank McAvennie in Glasgow. Davo has returned to South Melbourne, full story on page 21.

MELITA SURPRISE APIA LEICHHARDT

MELITA EAGLES made what seemed to be a reborn **APIA Leichhardt** look fairly ordinary by winning 1-0 in their quarter-final clash in the Ampol Cup at Marconi Stadium.

The match was not a pretty one by any means and it had to go into extra-time to find a winner.

When the winner came, after two minutes of extra-time, it was fittingly an ordinary goal as befits an ordinary game.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Early on Apia had the better of play but were completely unable to turn territorial advantage into goals.

After 10 minutes Melita's young goalkeeper, Dragan Pupovac, was called on to make a fine finger-tip save from a Glen Sterrey header.

Apia's new acquisition, Darryl Stewart, meantime was showing some flashy touches but again was not supported enough.

Pupovac was forced to make a good save just before half-time from a Mark Brown volley.

Apia should have been able to press on from this but Melita rallied to effectively shut Apia out of the game.

Led by Wayne Farnsworth, Melita began to dominate and the young striker was involved in two close calls inside five minutes, once with a dipping 25 metre volley and another time he ran to the by-line to set up Birol Sertbas who hit the bar from five metres.

Build-ups from the back were frequent from both sides but the finishing touches were sadly lacking until the 92nd minute when Melita grabbed a goal and subsequently a semi-final spot.

Jim Meerbani on Melita's left-wing made an incisive run into the Apia area only to be downed by Glenn Sterrey. Lenny Vial stepped up to take the spot-kick but had it parried by Apia's keeper, Tony Pezzano. The ball

bounced into the path of Warren Dalton, who stuck replacement forward, in the rebound.



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RUSSELL IS NEW MANAGER OF NSL

BY DAVID JACK

THERE has been an important change at the Olympic Airways National Soccer League headquarters in Sydney.

Peter Russell, who has been a willing voluntary worker with Sydney City and at the NSL, has been

appointed manager of the League on a full-time basis.

Stefan Kamasz will carry the title of executive director.

To go into Soccer full-time, Russell has had to resign from the police force after nearly 20 years service — and has willingly surrendered considerable superannuation entitlements.

It was a big decision for him to make, but Russell said: "I have always been Soccer-daft."

"And it's great to earn a living doing something I really enjoy."

Russell will ease the load on Stefan Kamasz, who has found it difficult attending to the many demands made on his time at the NSL.

CANBERRA ANGRY OVER LAMOND

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY are seething with anger at attempts to sell off their star striker, Manis Lamond.

A letter of protest from the club is expected in the offices of the Olympic Airways National Soccer League this week.

Lamond, the young striker from Papua New Guinea, signed again with Canberra for another season last December when the Canberra team was in New Guinea on tour.

Now Canberra City are finding that attempts have been made by ex-Canberra officials to place Manis with one of two Sydney NSL clubs.

The two Sydney clubs alleged to be involved are St George and Sydney Croatia.

But that is only part of the story.

Dissatisfaction has set in as arrangements were made last year by the Canberra Board to have Lamond sent to Brazil to trial and train with first division stars of Botafogo.

Since this decision or promise was made to the player, the Canberra Board has changed drastically with the resignation of president Charles Perkins plus others.

The new Board, has scrapped the plans for Manis to go to Brazil for economic reasons.

With a new "tighten the belt" policy of the Board, and a drastic cut-back of sponsorship from the Downer Olympic Soccer club, (from \$220,000 to \$100,000 this year), the Canberra committee feels reluctant to justify financing Lamond's promised Brazilian trip.

This is reasonably in line with the club's economic policy.

On the other hand, the Canberra club is willing to outlay some \$4,000 to sign Inter-Monaro's Titalis.

As well, Canberra has made frantic attempts, (also costing money), to sign Peruvian international, Palacios.

Many members of the Downer Olympic Soccer club, (Canberra's major sponsors), do not want their side involved in the NSL.

Or more accurately, they don't want the financial burden of NSL involvement.

Meanwhile, James Hardie Industries has again come in with a sponsorship of \$75,000 for 1986 for Canberra City.



MARSHALL SOPER in action for Olympic.

NEWCASTLE'S BRIGHT START

'WHAT would you call a successful season?'

BY NEIL JAMESON

Newcastle Rosebud's new coach Peter Irving tugged at his chin and thought long and hard about the question most coaches would prefer not to answer.

After picking up the reins of a side that had run last in 1985, Irving was anxious not to sound too optimistic nor too negative.

He diplomatically chose the middle ground.

"If we can finish in the top half of the table, I'd class that as a most successful season," he said.

Peter Irving, 41, is probably the least envious man in the Olympic Airways Soccer League.

The former Burnley apprentice who came to Australia 20 years ago to play with the Corinthians club of Sydney, finds himself in charge of the wooden spooners at a time when the league is committed to ridding itself of its 'stragglers'.

Two weeks ago most

pundits would have tipped Newcastle Rosebud as the club most likely to take the plunge. But a flash of eye-catching pre-season form has forced a few people to rethink the situation.

Most notable among the results that bounced Rosebud to the top of their Ampol Cup section was a meritorious 3-2 away victory over Sydney Olympic.

"Nobody would have tipped us to beat Olympic at this stage of the season, but we did," said Irving.

"As far as I'm concerned there is no better tonic than winning. We hardly had the best pre-season preparation but the players have indicated they have an appetite for winning."

"That suits me fine because I've always taken the attitude that if a match is there to be won, then nothing else should do."

While Irving might be a virtual stranger to most Australian soccer fans, he is extremely well known

in Northern NSW where he enjoyed an enviable playing and coaching record.

He left Corinthians to join Hamilton Azzurri in the Northern first division and later moved on to Weston where he became a premiership winning player-coach. His most successful stint came during his seven years at Edgeworth, first as player-coach then solely as coach.

In that time he won two premierships, lost one grand final and won another. The side made three Philips Cup appearances and is best remembered in Northern circles for an unbeaten run of 42 straight games that started in the 1978 season.

Peter Irving later moved on to the Cardiff club which had dropped back to the second division.

Under the new coach Cardiff qualified for the top four, won the grand final then backed up the following season to win the double and promotion.

Star Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



MARSHALL SOPER ★



MARSHALL SOPER, Sydney Olympic's 25 year old crack striker, is ready for a big season this year.

"I feel I'm fitter than ever before in my career."

"During the off-season, I trained every day and for the first time in a long time I am injury-free," the tall powerful marksman said.

Marshall, born and raised in Newcastle, first came down to Sydney to play for Apla five years ago.

Four seasons back, Soper made his move across to Sydney Olympic at a transfer fee of \$20,000.

Sydney Olympic's NSL title aspirations will largely depend on Soper's form during the season.

A powerful non-stop runner, aggressive in the box and never shirking his task, Marshall Soper is truly a Soccer crowd-favourite.

He is one of the few players in the game today that has the ability to lift the crowd off their seats in wild anticipation once he has the ball.

Two seasons back, when Australia toured England and Scotland, in a game against Arsenal at Highbury, Soper lined up against England's left-back, Kenny Sansom.

Soper made Sansom's life a misery during the whole 90 minutes to provoke the remark from Sansom after the match:

"Where has this guy come from?"

"He's some player."

Soper can only be classed as a 'Match-Winner'.

Born on 12.5.1960, Soper soon

became a regular member of the national team.

But late last year, in an altercation with National coach, Frank Arok, Soper withdrew himself from Australia's World Cup squad and took no part in the Oceania elimination matches.

Now, Soper is ready for a come-back on the international arena.

During the off-season, Soper indulges in other sports, viz; Indoor Cricket, Cricket and takes a keen interest in Greyhound racing.

BORN: 12.5.1960.

BIRTHPLACE: Newcastle.

OCCUPATION: Fulltime player.

PLAYING POSITION: Striker.

WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE: "Sydney City, Sydney Croatia, Marconi and of course Sydney Olympic."

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO AND WHY: "We had many injuries last year, but hopefully we will be O.K. this year."

"From what I have seen this year so far, most of our players are already fitter than last season."

"Also we have a much bigger squad this year with plenty of talent, plus we will have Mike Coady returning from England."

"So I feel we have everything right to win the League."

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM: "David Ratcliffe to organise our defence lines."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS:

"There are many, but I respect them all."

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW AND WHY: "I'd only play for Olympic."

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER: "Not much else really."

"But I would like to see the overall standard of Australian Soccer improve."

"At a much later stage, I would like to take up some form of coaching as well."

DO YOU THINK THE MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR: "Yes I think so. Players in Australia are expected to do much more than their share."

"A lot is asked of them, especially in international against fulltime opponents."

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER: "Probably to decide upon a good solid format for the NSL and to truly make it a National League competition."

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP AND WHY: "Italy will again go very close."

"But let's face it, this is the toughest competition in the world and the toughest side will win it."

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Robbie Slater in action against Forest—challenged by Steve Murray—during our tour of Australia in 1984.

Robbie Slater has returned "down under" still hoping that he can rise to the challenge of a career in English football.

The 21 year old Australian winger is now back in Australia after having a spell with us for the second successive year.

But although it was decided not to pay out a fee to Robbie's club St. George, of Sydney, to sign him permanently, he's still confident he can make it in England.

He revealed: "I'm hopeful that my club will give me a free transfer at the end of the season and if so I'll be back in Nottingham trying to persuade them to sign me.

"Even if they insist on a small fee for me, I might even consider paying it myself in order to get a chance in English football.

ROBBIE AIMING TO RETURN

"I'm established in Australia—he made his international debut against Taiwan last summer—but I'm still keen to do everything I can to make it in England."

Robbie was so convinced he would do that on his recent visit that his girlfriend Sharon gave up her job as a dental nurse to join him.

But Robbie signed off from England with the message: "We'll be back."

HUMMEL RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

AUSTRALIAN WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP goalkeeper, Chris Hummel, was last week rushed to Sydney's St Vincent hospital for an emergency operation.

Hummel, Canterbury's 21 year old crack custodian, was one of the club's main stars for Canterbury winning the NSW State League championship last year and thus gaining promotion to this year's NSL.

youngster, Anthony Franken.

Canterbury, coached this year by Dom Kapetanovic, however, took the precaution during the off-season to sign up a back-up keeper for Hummel.

They secured the services of Ian Barker who last year played with Manly in the State League.

It is expected that Hummel will be out of action for at least another six weeks.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

He stopped no fewer than six penalties during the 1985 season which alone earned his side five valuable League points to lift Canterbury up the ladder.

This very fine effort, more than helped Chris win the "Australian Soccer Press Association" (A.S.P.A.) award last year for the "Best Fairest Player Under 21"

Hummel, originally from Canberra, represented Australia in the World Youth Championships in Mexico in 1983, together with another Canberra goalkeeping



CHRIS HUMMEL, 1985 ASPA U/21 Player of the Year, operation on appendix.

This story, which should interest ASW readers, was published in a Nottingham Forest match programme last month. Obviously, from his remarks about going back to England on a free transfer, the article was written before Slater's transfer to Blacktown City.

TURNER CUP

THE Hunter Valley Co-operative Dairy Company Limited maker of OAK products, has become the first major sponsor of the prestigious "Bill Turner Cup".

This schools Soccer knockout competition for boys 15 years and under is now in its eighth year.

In 1985 with an excess of 290 schools participating it became the largest competition of its kind in Australia.

Over 300 schools are expected to enter the competition in 1986.

In announcing OAK's sponsorship the Marketing Manager, Ray Stanford, expressed delight in being associated with such an outstanding youth activity.

"In an industry where our product is so intimately related with the nation's youth, we see the association with such a large number of those youth as being mutually beneficial," he added.

He praised the executive of the Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation on being such a well ordered group of dedicated teachers.

In reply the Senior Co-ordinator and Science Master of Wallsend High School, Terry Hampton, thanked Mr Stanford and the OAK Company for their support and assured them that most of the money would greatly assist in reimbursing schools involved in travelling long distances.

The Bill Turner Cup caters for all schools, state, private or church, from the Queensland border to the Victorian border plus

the ACT.

In fact in 1985 Canberra High from the ACT defeated Glendale High (Newcastle/Hunter) in the final played at Macquarie Soccer Field, Speers Point.

The other school sides in 1985 to do well included:- Tweed River, Far North Coast; Orara, Mid North Coast; Kotara, Newcastle; Oxley, North West; St Francis Xavier, Newcastle; St Edwards, Central Coast; Killarney Heights, Epping Boys, Colyton, Marist Brothers Aburn, Belmore Boys, J.J. Cahill, all Sydney; Corrimall, South Coast; Canobolas, Far West; Griffith, Riverina.

Previous winners were:- 1979-Belmont; 1980-Tamworth; 1981-Glendale; 1982-Blacktown Boys; 1983-Cessnock; 1984-Wallsend; 1985-Canberra. Entry form on Page 18.

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CHIT CHAT

THERE is a big shortage of referees in NSW and any budding or likely whistlers should contact referee president Doug Rennie immediately.

Seemingly the referees' list is down 50 per cent on last season and there are now only 70 registered on the NSW list.

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CAR thieves had a big day at a Sydney City training session last week and eight of the Slickers' cars were broken into.

A warning to the thieves — don't let the City boys catch you in action for they are ready to hand out some of their own special punishment.

■ ■ ■

THE first thing that Young Soccerroo goalkeeper Tony Franken did when he arrived home in Perth after his stint in Belgium was to don his old clothes and go fishing with his brother.

After two months in the snow and ice in Europe, Tony couldn't get back to the Aussie way of life quickly enough.

■ ■ ■

FORMER NSL coach Doug Collins, now on a course before taking over a McDonald's hamburger franchise at Nowra, does not have a high opinion of coaches in Australia.

"Coaches in this country are just not good enough," said Doug. "Most of them have no flair and they're too defensive. Soccer needs a clear-out from top to bottom. The product we are selling to the public will never bring crowds back to the game."

Collins has an impressive background in professional football so he should know what he's talking about.

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WHAT caused the NSW Soccer Federation to arrange kick-offs in yesterday's Ampol Cup quarter finals one hour later than scheduled?

We hear the switch was inspired by media complaints about mid-afternoon starts on scorching days.

ASW was the main critic of early kick-offs. No, we are not crowing. On the contrary, we want to congratulate the Federation on being big enough to listen, and act upon complaints.

HOW about the star new interstate signing of a leading Sydney NSL club who went missing in Sydney town last week?

The club president was so worried over the defection of his new player he called the police and reported his star missing.

It turned out that the player was out of town enjoying himself with a leading identity from a rival club.

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ALLY LINK, former Apia midfielder, is back in Sydney after spending the past three years back in his homeland, Scotland.

He is looking for a club. He is a permanent resident and has a free clearance from the UK.

Ally had experience with Dundee United and Middlesbrough. He is 26.

Any club wishing to discuss terms with Link should contact him on (02) 2647007, business, or 6653653, home.

JIMMY SHOULDER'S new intake for coaching at the Australian Institute of Sport looks very promising, although slightly older than previous AIS recruits.

The healthy aspect about this latest batch is that they come from all over Australia, which disproves the theory that only Sydney and Melbourne have the talent needed to make the grade.

Among the 16 boys enrolled are two from Tasmania and another two from West Australia... and these are States which lack the benefits of National League Soccer.

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SYDNEY CROATIA are set to sign a top centre-half from Europe. No names mentioned yet but we're told the new man will be a genuine star.



ANTHONY FRANKEN, saddened after returning from Belgium.

THE father-son connection is really getting a hold in Queensland Soccer.

Most well-known is that of QSF president Ian Brusasco and his son, Mark, a former Brisbane City NSL player now with premier league club Coalstars. Now Queensland Director of Coaching Bruce Stowell can watch his son, Andrew, trial at Lions, while Jim Hermlston has his son, James, at City and former Lions and City coach Joe Gilroy's boy, Mark, is playing at Taringa.

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DENMARK are the talk of European Soccer and a serious contender for the World Cup in Mexico.

Australians, though, seldom get a chance to see the magical Danes in action.

SBS television will remedy that on Saturday when the Republic of Ireland v Denmark World Cup qualifier is to be shown.



One of the 'GREAT DANES' — Jesper Olsen.

ONE well-known defender said he'd like a quiet chat with the coach of a rival NSL club, so the meeting was arranged.

The player made it quite clear that he wanted a transfer and was touting around for offers.

"What sort of money are you after?" he was asked. The reply? "First, I'll need a signing-on fee of \$15,000 which must be in cash!"

That's where the conversation ended abruptly.

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ANDREW PASCHALIDIS, who cut his journalistic teeth as an ASW writer, pulled off a nice Soccer scoop for his radio station, 2GB, in Sydney.

On the morning after Jimmy Patikas was injured playing for AEK against Olympiakos in Athens, Paschalidis went to air with exclusive interview with Patikas from his hospital bed.

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GOOD NEWS AT LAST! Attendances at Soccer matches have been declining throughout the country for the past five years... but according to the South Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Mr Peter Nickolich things are on the improve.

With the 1986 Ampol Cup night series near completed attendances are up 10% to 15% on last year's competition. We hope that this trend continues.



TOM McCULLOCH — went to UK again.

TOMMY McCULLOCH, former Youth Soccerroo skipper, slipped out of Sydney quietly a couple of weeks ago to have another crack at making the grade in the UK.

Tommy is at Easter Road, Edinburgh where he is trialling with Hibernian.

He also has a date for trials at Sunderland, a club managed by Lawrie McMenemy, who had Tommy on trial at Southampton in 1985.



MARK JANKOVICS

WHAT caused Mark Jankovics to change his mind and re-sign for Marconi when he looked certain to join Blacktown City?

Let Mark explain himself: "When it became obvious Blacktown would not meet Marconi's asking price, I was worried that I could be forced out of football completely, spending the 1986 season in limbo. At my age, I could not afford a year out of the action."

By the way, Marconi did NOT give Jankovics the two-year contract he was seeking.

The player has been signed for one year, with a renewal option.

NEWS from New Zealand's matches against the Soviet Union 'Second XI'.

The Soviets won the four match series, winning the last game 2-0 at Napier.

They won three and one was drawn.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the progressive and wonderfully organised Melita Eagles Soccer club on a few points.

Firstly, the night in which Her Excellency Miss Agatha Barbara, President of the Republic of Malta was present was something the club should be proud.

It was a well presented night and more than worthy of the presence of all the distinguished guests.

Also, the amenities at the Melita Stadium are improving all the time. The grandstand is a fine one and is quite impressive inside.

Once the small 'kinks' in the playing surface are ironed out the ground will be one of prestige for the club.

Finally, thanks to the club for its help to the press. They have acted professionally in attempting to aid the media. Not only is the press box a fine one but pretty soon it will have another line for a phone.

WE asked former Soccer champion Johnny Perin, now coaching director and co-ordinator of NSL club Adelaide City, if he thought that his club was capable of finishing in the top seven this season.

He replied: "Adelaide City has for many years been a force in Australian Soccer and we intend to carry on this tradition. Yes, we have a lot of faith in our present squad and I am sure that we'll make the top five".



Ad City President, Charlie Caruso.

"STAR" soccer shop of Trammere Village, South Australia, has moved to a new and larger premise and is now situated at the Campbelltown shopping centre, 606 lower North East Rd, Campbelltown (SA). To celebrate the event, ASW and Star soccer shop, will, for the next three weeks, invite Soccer fans to participate in a quiz.

Each week ASW will publish a question testing your Soccer knowledge. All you have to do is write your answer on the back of an envelope and post or deliver it to the Soccer shop by the following Saturday morning.

The quiz draw will be conducted at the shop with the winner's envelope drawn by an Adelaide City NSL player.

The first correct entry drawn will win a MITRE SKILL SOCCER BALL. Five consolation prizes of double passes for the Adelaide City-Footscray City match on April 6 at Olympic Sports Field will also be given away.

This Saturday, March 1, goalkeeper Willie McNally will be at the Soccer shop to draw the quiz at 11am.

Midfielder Adrian Santrac will conduct the March 8 draw and the final draw will be made by defender Nev Flounders on March 15.

An invitation is extended to all fans to attend the draw and collect your prize. If you can't attend and

you are a winner then the prize will be posted direct.

This week's question is: On May 31 the final of the world cup will kick off in Mexico. Who won the last world cup played in 1982 in Spain?

WARREN ANDERSON took over at Cardiff and coached the side to win the 1984 first division championship. When Peter Irving accepted the job at Rosebud he immediately insisted Anderson be his deputy.

"Nobody's getting carried away with our form thus far," said Irving. "There's a long way to go and I've no doubt we'll lose a few games on the way."

"But, the important thing is that the players maintain a high level of morale and continue to work hard for one another."

On the matter of the league being trimmed, Irving has committed himself to not worrying about the implications.

"I'd like to think that whatever shape the league takes in 1987, there will be a Newcastle team involved."

"If you take a close look at the history of Australian Soccer and the make-up of many of the current league teams and where their players originated, you'll appreciate just how important Newcastle is to the game in this country," he concluded.

ALTHOUGH Robbie Dunn still has another year on his contract to run for the Victorian club Preston by the time you read this the big defender should be back in the Adelaide Hellas fold.

Dunn is about to join his National team-mate Charlie Yankos, who was signed from Heidelberg four weeks ago.

Hellas has also retained Lou Hristodoulou from the Australian Institute of Sport and former Scottish professional Brian McLaughlin.

While Adelaide Hellas have gone on a buying spree, Adelaide City have been hit with the selling bug. Last week they sold star striker Peter Rankin, and former NZ international Glenn Dods is on a one year loan to Rothmans League Club Croatia. On City's brighter side, they have signed Paul Wild, a forward from Azzurri and a defender from Salisbury United.

WE don't know what Brisbane Lions are feeding their players but it certainly has caused a baby boom at Richlands. Players with newly-arrived youngsters include Alan Niven, John Stewart, John Ogden and Joe Cairney. It could make a few of the single players at the club start worrying.



PETER RANKIN

ASF Marketing Ltd was not the Australian arm of the London-based sports marketing company West Nally Ltd, a director of West Nally, Mr P.T. Wenham, said yesterday.

Responding to a report during the week, Mr Wenham said: "ASF Marketing Ltd and the Australian Soccer Federation contracted together to promote certain international matches."

"West Nally is not involved in the promotion of these matches."

Mr Wenham said support for ASF Marketing Ltd was by three companies "of which West Nally is a contributor."

FULL MARKS for bravery go to QPR's Irish international, MICHAEL ROBINSON.

You see Robinson last week defied doctors to play in QPR's 1-0 1st leg Milk Cup win over his old club Liverpool despite having a depressed fracture of the cheekbone.

That can be construed as either courageous or crazy depending on your own opinion.

SPARE a thought for Wollongong Macedonia goalkeeper Geoff Robinson, who broke a finger playing in the Ampol Cup match against Fairy Meadow.

It is the same finger he broke playing against Kurlingal last year and could result in him being out of action for a while.

He had a blinder when Macedonia played a scoreless draw against Melita at Melita Stadium recently, saving a penalty and attracting plenty of attention from rival coaches at the ground.

THE PICTURE below is of the Australian squad preparing to board the bus en route to Scotland via Mascot.

All the faces are happy and the players seem very content. How pictures can deceive!

Although there was great camaraderie between the players, the same cannot be said now for the 'bond' of friendship between the players and the people who were supposed to pay their wages for the games against Scotland, notably the ASF.

During the week, Aussie midfielder Joe Watson made the facts clear that the World Cup Socceroos hadn't received their promised payments and so on.

In ASW today on page 10 our own TERRY GREEDY sheds further light on the matter.

QUEENSLAND referees are angered by a decision which has slashed the State's representation on this year's NSL panel to just two — FIFA badge holder Bill Monteverde and Alan Kibbler. Gone are Gordon Nicholson and Dave Nugent, the latter still probably the best in Queensland but excluded because of age limits.

Unless interstate referees are flown to Queensland this season, and there are suggestions that few funds are available for regular trips north by the men in black, Kibbler and Monteverde will become pretty familiar faces at matches and that surely can't help overcome the controversy that has haunted Queensland referees in recent seasons.

THERE is no shortage of Scotsmen among Brisbane premier league coaches: in fact, six of the premier league clubs have a tartan tinge. They are Iain Kesson (Taringa), John Sime (Easts), Iain Fagan (North Star), Brian Styles (Coalstars), Matt Carson (Ipswich United) and John Burnett (Grange Thistle).

Thistle's football manager George Pagan also is a Scot. Of the others, Mount Gravatt's Eric Thompson and Wynnum's Tony Lowndes are English, Olympic's Juan Cutillas is Spanish while Lions' Paul Laslo is Yugoslavian.



ALL BUT ONE ARE GONE

BY FRANK COLETTA

WITH the near departure of Mark Jankovics and the retirement of the 'Bullet', PETER SHARNE an Institution at Marconi all but ended.

Of the great triumvirate encompassing, Sharne, Jankovics and the now Belgian-based, Eddie Krncevic, only Jankovics remains and he was all but gone at one stage.

Marconi fans have often dreamed of the past glories this trio (ably assisted by notable others) brought to the Bossley Park club and still they seek a return to something akin to those halcyon days back in the late 70's and early 80's.

Peter Sharne's best days were in the mid-to-late 70's with Marconi and Australia.

Nicknamed "Bullet" for his exceptional speed, Sharne started with Lansvale Juniors and played for Liverpool City and Southern Districts representative side before joining Marconi's third grade side in 1973.

Sharne's progress was good and his prospects were many until his football career almost came to an end in 1975 when he fractured his spine.

For six months he was close enough to being an invalid, getting about only with the aid of a restrictive corset (not unlike the one former Australian cricketer Dennis Lillee was forced to wear in 1973).

During those troubled days Sharne was aided immensely by coach, Luciano Nesti.

Sharne paid him this tribute: "If it hadn't been for his urging, I would never have laced my football boots again."

Sharne had to learn to live with the pain for many years. He remained worried that he might

have lost some of his speed, his biggest asset, so he spent the summer of 1978-79 in sprint training.

Sharne made his Australian debut in the "World of Soccer" tournament of 1977, as a substitute against Arsenal (3-1) and Red Star (2-3).

He also appeared as a sub in the World Cup qualifying game against Iran (0-1) in Melbourne that year.

Then came one of the most controversial incidents of that era when Sharne was chosen for a series against Greece but was dropped, along with Paul Degney after both had played for Marconi when they should have been resting for Australia's game.

One of the greatest sights in Sydney, and indeed Australian, Soccer was the sight of Sharne latching onto a pass from someone like Roberto Vieri and screaming down the sideline past a bedraggled defender.

Unfortunately defenders became quickly alert to Sharne's blistering pace being his biggest asset, Sharne more often than not being sent sprawling by what is now commonly called a "professional foul." It was not unusual to see Sharne on the ground receiving attention up to five times a match.

The 1979-82 period saw Australia with a veritable over-abundance of strikers.

Marconi's trio of Sharne, Krncevic and Jankovics were constantly battling with John Kosmina, Gary Cole, Phil O'Connor and Ken Boden for the striking positions.

Sharne's play improved out of sight in that period

as he strove to hold a spot.

He helped Marconi to the PSL (Phillips Soccer League) in 1979 but his peak performances came in 1980 when he was the best performed Aussie in the 1980 Centenary match, lost 2-1 to England.

He constantly tormented the English defence with his speed and ultimately earned the penalty for Gary Cole to score.

He continued his amazing form in the weeks following when in three matches against Northern Ireland he scored a goal in each game, the results being 1-2, 1-1 and 1-2.

Sharne was a member of the Australian side that toured Asia and Europe in 1981 and impressed so much that Hong Kong clubs took great interest in him following Australia's 1-0 loss to Hong Kong.

On the same tour his Marconi team-mate Eddie Krncevic impressed crack Yugoslav club, Dinamo Zagreb, eventually mov-

ing to the club and setting off a top career in Europe.

After his stint in Hong Kong with the Eastern club, Sharne returned to Sydney on loan to Apia Leichhardt but was disappointed there. He desperately wanted to return to his old stamping ground at Bossley Park and finally he did.

Although it took him a fair while to get back into the Marconi groove, he seemed to be finding touch when extraordinarily one of those blighted tackles from behind stopped short his return.

It was last year at Marconi Stadium against Canberra City and Sharne was reviving old memories, a real "blast from the past."

The old speed and elusiveness down the touch-line had returned until he was chopped.

His hamstring went on him in the tackle and from then on it was a struggle against a recurring knee injury, one fight that he couldn't win.

But as they say in the movies Peter, THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!



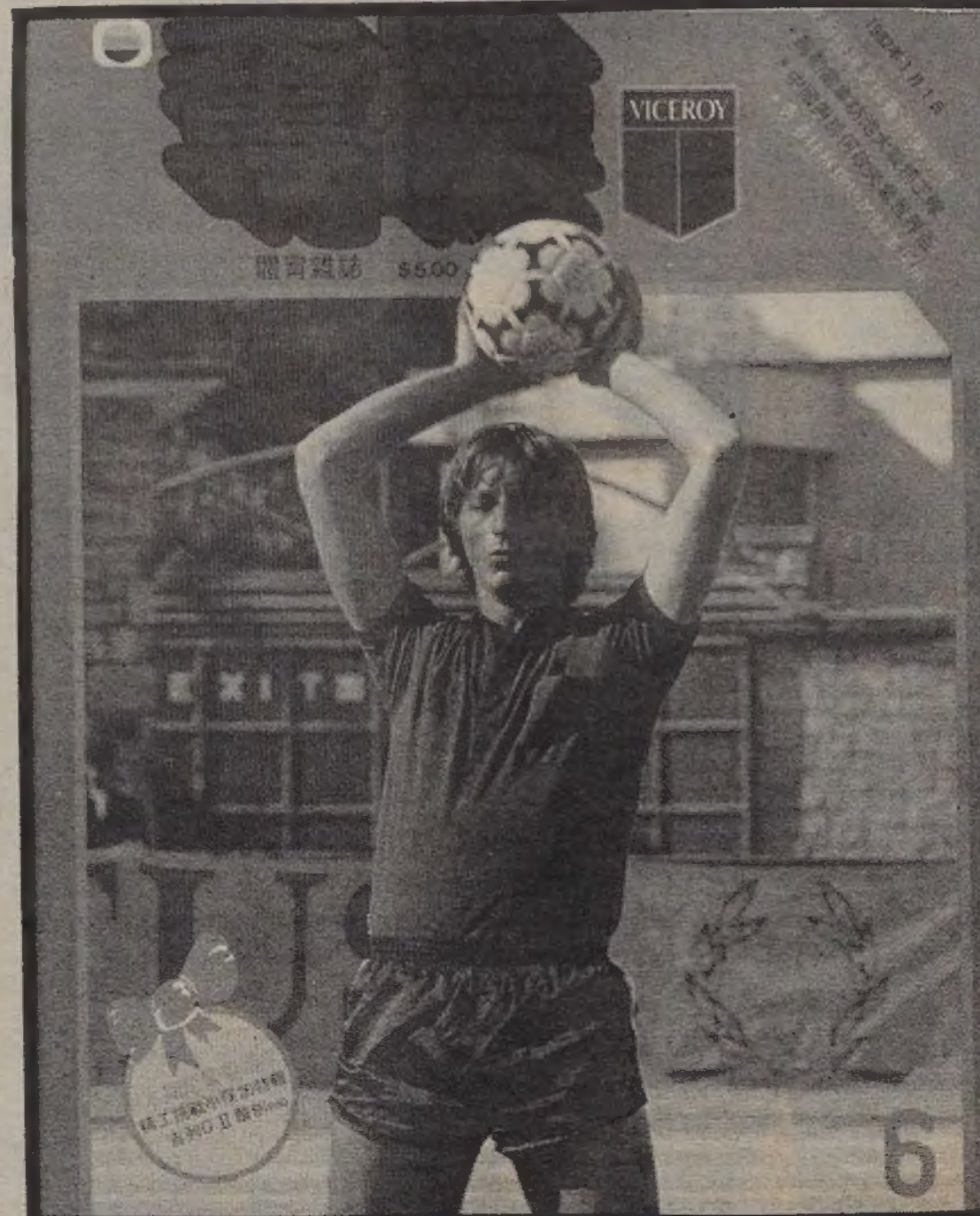
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SHARNE — THE
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PETER SHARNE, tantalises a Kiwi defender.



PETER SHARNE, made the front page of CHAMPION SPORTS MAGAZINE during his very successful spell in Hong Kong.

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Star Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



GARY ★ MEIER



GARY MEIER, Sydney Olympic's giant 30 year old goalkeeper, would easily have to be one of the keenest, loyal and enthusiastic trainers playing Soccer today in the National League.

Gary, who lives on the Central Coast of NSW with his lovely wife, Diane and their three children, every week makes no fewer than five round trips to Sydney to train and play for Sydney Olympic.

It is said that 'Bonesy', (better known by team-mates), plays for Sydney Olympic for no money at all.

But boy, you should see his travelling allowance.

Gentle-natured and standing at 6'5" and lacing on size 11 boots, not only is Gary the club's tallest player, but also the longest serving on the playing-staff.

With more than 15 years of loyal service playing behind the Pan Hellenic, (later Sydney Olympic), defence, prompted a wise-crack from a fan..

"Fifteen years? Geez you don't get that for murder these days."

This goalkeeper who idolises England stars Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence, in 1978 represented Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground against the touring national team of Greece.

Easily one of the most underrated goalkeepers in the game, Gary has no intentions of an early retirement.

And because he graduated into the first team at an early age, it seems as if Gary Meier has been playing since the days of Gable and Lombard.

A Sydney Olympic without Gary Meier, would be like ham and eggs without the tomato sauce.

BORN:10.9.55.

BIRTHPLACE:Sydney.

OCCUPATION:Billiard-table maker.

PLAYING POSITION:Goalkeeper.

WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE:"Sydney City and Sydney Olympic."

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO AND WHY:"We have strengthened our team with good signings but have lost Graham Jennings.

"With Tony Dakos, Nick Theodorakopoulos and Gary Phillips all back, plus the expected return of Mike Coady, we should do pretty well."

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM:"Oscar Crino."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS:"Jimmy Patikas, Oscar Crino, Graham Jennings and Marshall Soper."

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW AND WHY:"I've been at Olympic for so long now that I have never given it a thought.

"But if I did move, I would have to say Sydney Croatia who seem to pay their players very well."

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER:"To be healthy and happy."

DO YOU THINK THE MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR:"Yes. Mainly because of the number of hours we all put into the game.

"Even if we were all fulltime, I think the current monies paid would still be good."

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER:

"Soccer has gone downhill since the NSL was split into two divisions. If the game is to go forward, the League must be made into a truly National competition."

"As well, I believe that there are too many clubs presently in the NSL which shouldn't be."

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP AND WHY:"You would have to go for a South American, say Brazil or Argentina.

"Both must be highly favoured."



Star Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



★ TERRY GREEDY



TERRY GREEDY, St George's ever-smiling World Cup goalkeeper, has kept "wickets" for Australia the last three years.

But Australia could be losing Terry's sterling services as he announced his retirement from the international arena during the off-season.

Retiring from International Soccer at the age of 30, and a goalkeeper at that, is nothing short of a tragedy for Australia.

Greedy's unyielding strength, agility and invaluable experience, will leave a big hole in the Australian team.

Greedy's value to the Australian team extends well beyond the perimeter of his penalty box.

His magnificent good nature, a wonderful sense of humour and above all his great camaraderie within squads, make Terry Greedy a most valuable member in any team.

This year, St George has saddled Terry with the coaching of all the St George goalkeepers with the departure of Ron Tilsed.

Greedy a schoolteacher by profession, who teaches at Gympie North, has all the ingredients to make an excellent coach.

During the next school-holidays, Terry will set up a special coaching clinic for youngsters, and will be assisted by some of his World Cup players as instructors.

Further information on these "Terry Greedy Coaching Clinics" will appear in future editions of the A S W.

Married to Rosemary, they have three children. A Greedy retirement will be a big loss to Australia.

Who can ever forget Greedy's magnificent "Test" series against England in 1983 when the Poms hit Terry with everything.

His agility, physical strength and alertness, brought Australia two very valuable draws against the might of England.

BORN:27.8.55.

BIRTHPLACE:Lismore.

OCCUPATION:Schoolteacher.

PLAYING POSITION:Goalkeeper.

WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE:"Marconi and Sydney Olympic. They all have good players in their squads".

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO AND WHY:"Well we should do well.

"We have signed four new players and much depends on them blending in.

"The loss of Robbie Slater will be felt up front I think".

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM:"Kenny Murphy, David Mitchell or Rod Brown".

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS:"Oscar Crino, Murphy, Mitchell and Brown".

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW AND WHY:"Sydney City as they keep winning all the time. They are the LIVERPOOL of Australia".

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER:"To be happy and healthy".

DO YOU THINK THE MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR:"They deserve what they get as everything must be related to the gates they attract".

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER:"The Australian Soccer scene will not benefit after the relative success we had in our World Cup matches.

"We must get it all right at the top, especially in administration for the code to kick on.

"Everybody has to work TOGETHER, for the code not themselves".

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP AND WHY:"England because they will be very hard to score against.

"But having said that, the climate will be very much against them, probably more so than any other country.

"As well, the England and United captain, Bryan Robson, MUST be fully fit if they are to have a good chance".

EVERYONE HATES THE POOR OLD WHISTLER!

FIFA has deemed 1986 the "International Year of the Referee" and Soccer fans, coaches and players throughout Australia will no doubt be hoping that the men in black in this country will respond accordingly!

Every season, throughout the world, referees are always in the midst of controversy with their decisions pleasing some and not others.

The Australian scene is no exception and over the years our poor old whistlers have had to cop quite a bit of stick over their rulings.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Not for one minute am I decrying our much maligned officials, as I firmly believe we have referees as good as any in the world.

This is especially so when we recall the performances of Dutch referee Geurds in the World Cup clash against New Zealand at the Sports Ground and that of Czechoslovakian Christov against Scotland at Hampden Park.

Indeed, how Christov has gained selection to officiate at the coming World-Cup finals in Mexico is behind my comprehension.

In Chris Bambridge, who has been honoured with selection for Mexico, and Donald Campbell we have two referees of the highest calibre.

The big problem on the refereeing scene here over the years has undoubtedly been the failure to select the best suited referees for the most crucial games.

This has caused trouble and it could and should have been avoided.

Now with the appointment of Peter Rampley onto the NSL scene, hopefully a solution has been found to this long standing problem.

Many fans are completely in the dark as to who is the highest authority regarding the Laws of the Game throughout the world.

Well, to clear this matter up, it is the International Football Association Board, which was found-

ed in 1886 and is an institution of FIFA.

This board is a joint authority uniting the representatives of the four British associations (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) with each having one vote and the FIFA delegation four votes.

An important fact which is sometimes forgotten by protesting players and coaches in the heat of a game is that "the referee's decision is final" — or supposed to be under the laws!

On odd occasions of course, this is not so, as demonstrated to the fullest in an incident during the last Oceania World Youth Cup qualifying series here in Sydney, when the Taiwan referee gave "a goal that wasn't" then reversed his decision in the clash between the Young Socceroos and Israel at St George Stadium.

A soccer referee has the

powers of the judge, jury and executioner and so has little room for error.

This makes the men in black the most hated men in the game and nothing will ever change this, as long as the human element is concerned and a ball is kicked.

With the modern game of football faster than ever before, this demands a higher degree of fitness from the men in the middle.

There's nothing more infuriating to the fans, the players and the coaches than a referee who cannot keep up with play and because of this, makes mistakes in his rulings.

Again it is to be hoped that Peter Rampley in his new position with the NSL, will crack the big whip, and get his 'team' in top shape for the coming season.

This is a top priority and ultra important if the desired standard is to be obtained.

There are more than half a million referees registered with the national soccer associations throughout the world.

Theirs is an ultra important job in a game, that over the past 12 months, has had more than its fair share of violence on the

playing arena.

It is to be hoped that in this "International Year of the Referee" the men in

the middle will gain the respect they so much desire — at least here in Australia anyway.



WHO WANTS TO BE A REF?

The most unenviable position in soccer, being a referee. FIFA has officially declared 1986, 'The Year of the Referee,' but as our cartoons show most players would like the referee to be blindfolded and without a whistle!

HOW SERIOUS?

JUST how genuine were Blacktown City officials when they complained bitterly about the \$27,500 transfer fee that was sought by Marconi for striker Mark Jankovics?

It has only been a couple of months since the very same club first demanded \$35,000 for defender Robbie Wheatley before finally accepting \$25,000 from Marconi. They are now appealing against a similar fee being asked for a player who scored 15 goals in the NSL last year and is the third highest goalscorer in the National League's history.

With the dearth of quality strikers available at the moment, players like Jankovics are worth their weight in gold. What would Sydney City ask for John Kosmina should he be available for transfer? Or Olympic for Marshall Soper?

Yet, Jankovics scored

twice the number of goals for his club last year than either of the other two strikers.

Blacktown may well use the argument that, at 29, Jankovics has only got two or three years left in top class football. However, he is precisely four months older than Kosmina and there is no way that Kossie could be bought for the meagre \$12,000 that Blacktown offered for Jankovics.

The fact that Marconi bought Jankovics from St George in 1978 for "only" \$12,000 was also raised. This very newspaper was sold for 50c a copy when it was first published in 1980. Today it costs \$1.20. That's the inflation spiral that we are all caught in.

The transfer fee asked by Marconi is of no more value than what the club paid for Jankovics back in 1978. Indeed, for Marconi to go out and buy a similar quality striker, that is if they could find one, they would have to splash out every penny they get from his transfer and possibly more. Has the transfer market gone crazy? Maybe.

When defenders like Charlie Yankos are sold for \$30,000, Graham Jennings \$25,000 and Blacktown City themselves wouldn't accept anything less than \$25,000 for Wheatley, the transfer fee asked for one of the League's most dangerous strikers seemed to be more than reasonable.

— Frank Scicluna



MARK JANKOVICS, staying put, but how serious were Blacktown with their offer asks Frank Scicluna.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF

Australia's World Cup Goalkeeper

By Terry Greedy

FOLLOWING the comments of Joe Watson in a newspaper article last week ASW's own TERRY GREEDY, a key member of the Australian national squad provides his version of a controversial story...



A series of tournaments, training camps and extended periods away from family, friends and work: approximately 30 games and finally we were ready for the World Cup. Surely now the sacrifices made by all involved would be repaid?

After all, to represent your country in the World Cup is the pinnacle in any player's career.

Some prize-money accumulated during the lead-up tournaments was placed in the "kitty."

The Australian soccer federation matched the amount and this was to be the bonus if we won the Oceania Group.

To beat Scotland, another bonus was offered.

When we were told of the financial details, the players were far from impressed as we stood to lose half the money we had already amassed.

During the last tournament before the qualifying games, the team captain, John Kosmina, requested a meeting with the organising body to air the players' grievances.

The meeting was continually postponed for various reasons until before the New Zealand game.

Then we were told it was too late to negotiate.

Although disappointed with the arrangements, the players gave their all for Australia and eventually won the right to play Scotland.

"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" it was dubbed by the Press.

The national players once again voiced their discontent, but all to no avail.

Eventually, a Players' Committee was elected to make an approach to the "hierarchy." The meeting was organised, but did not eventuate as we were then told of the financial plight the ASF was in.

This information, came to us only days after the Winfield Company, had announced a \$250,000 sponsorship for the two games against Scotland.

When taking this amount into consideration, together with the gate-takings in Melbourne, plus the TV rights, the players felt they were entitled to some financial benefit from these games.

Then we were told if we managed to get good results from these matches against Scotland, maybe something could be arranged.

Because of the excellent results, the code in Australia has been able to attract greater interest from a major company, regarding sponsorship.

Unfortunately, the players have been told they will receive nothing for their efforts in the games against Scotland.

Players must be given adequate payment for the time and effort they put into representing Australia.

It is important for both parties to be able to sit down and negotiate, rather than have one dictating terms to the players.

It is a credit to the managerial expertise of Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson that the squad was able to perform with such credit in the circumstances.

I can assure you the players, at that time, were far from happy.

And that is putting things mildly.

The present discontent over wages at international level has been present during previous World Cup campaigns.

In 1969 it was the same, as it was 1973 when Australia broke through and actually qualified for the Finals in Germany.

I honestly feel it is about time some guidelines were established for the payment of players at national level so they can not only gain satisfaction from representing their country, but it also becomes financially rewarding as is the case in all other countries.

☆☆☆

STEVE ("Rockmelon") O'CONNOR, received a nice "thank-you" from his club, Sydney City, the other day.

"Rocky" has played for Sydney City for the last 14 years and when he was not able to agree terms for the coming NSL season, he asked for a transfer.

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THE WORLD CUP RESULTS

EUROPE

GROUP 1

Results

17.10.84 Belgium-Albania 3-1
(Claesen, Scifo, Voordeckers/Omuri)
Poland-Greece 3-1
(Smolarek, Dziekanowski 2/Mitropoulos)
31.10.84 Poland-Albania 2-2
(Smolarek, Palasz/Omuri, Josa)
19.12.84 Greece-Belgium 0-0
22.12.84 Albania-Belgium 2-0
(Josa, Minga)
27.02.85 Greece-Albania 2-0
(Saravakos, Antoniou)
27.03.85 Belgium-Greece 2-0
(Vercauteren, Scifo)
01.05.85 Belgium-Poland 2-0
(Vandenbergh, Vercauteren)
19.05.85 Greece-Poland 1-4
(Anastopoulos/Smolarek, Ostrowski, Boniek, Dziekanowski)
30.05.85 Albania-Poland 0-1
(Boniek)
11.09.85 Poland-Belgium 1-1
(Omuri/Skartados)

GOALS

3: Dziekanowski and Smolarek (Poland), Omuri (Albania).
2: Josa (Albania), Scifo and Vercauteren (Belgium), Boniek (Poland).
1: Minga (Albania), Claesen, Vandenbergh and Voordeckers (Belgium), Anastopoulos, Antoniou, Mitropoulos, Saravakos and Skartados (Greece), Ostrowski and Palasz (Poland).

GROUP 2

Results

23.05.84 Sweden-Malta 4-0
(Sunesson 2, Corneliusson, Erlandsson)
12.09.84 Sweden-Portugal 0-1
(Gomes)
14.10.84 Portugal-Czechoslovakia 2-1
(Diamantino, Manuel/Janecka)
17.10.84 West Germany-Sweden 2-0
(Rahn, Rummenigge)
31.10.84 Czechoslovakia-Malta 4-0
(Janecka, Jarolim 2, Berger p)
14.11.84 Portugal-Sweden 1-3
(Jordao/Prytz 2, Nilsson)
16.12.84 Malta-West Germany 2-3
(Busuttil, R.Xuereb/K.H.Forster, Alofs 2)
10.02.85 Malta-Portugal (L.Farrugia/Manuel, Gomes 2)
24.02.85 Portugal-West Germany 1-2
(Diamantino/Littbarski, Voller)
27.03.85 West Germany-Malta 6-0
(Rahn 2, Rummenigge 2, Littbarski, Magath)
21.04.85 Malta-Czechoslovakia 0-0
01.05.85 Czechoslovakia-West Germany 1-5
(Griga/Berthold, Littbarski, Matthaus, Herget, Alofs)
05.06.85 Sweden-Czechoslovakia 2-0
(Prytz, Larsson)

25.09.85 Sweden-West Germany 2-2
(Corneliusson, Magnusson/Voller, Herget)

Czechoslovakia-Portugal 1-0
(Hruska)

12.10.85 Portugal-Malta 3-2

(Gomes 2, Rafael, Frederico (og), De Giorgio)

16.10.85 Czechoslovakia-Sweden 2-1

(Vizek 2/Corneliusson)

West Germany-Portugal 0-1
(Manuel)

17.11.85 West Germany-Czechoslovakia 2-2

(Brehme, Rummenigge/Novak, Lauda)

Malta-Sweden 1-2
(Farrugia/Prytz, Stromberg)

GOALS

5: Gomes (Portugal)
4: Rummenigge (West Germany), Prytz (Sweden)
3: Manuel (Portugal), Alofs, Littbarski and Rahn (West Germany), Corneliusson (Sweden)
2: Janecka, Jarolim and Vizek (Czechoslovakia), Farrugia (Malta), Diamantino (Portugal), Herget and Voller (West Germany), Sunesson (Sweden)
1: Berger, Griga, Hruska, Lauda and Novak (Czechoslovakia), Busuttil, De Giorgio and Xuereb (Malta), Jordao and Rafael (Portugal), Erlandsson, Larsson, Magnusson, Nilsson and Stromberg (Sweden), Berthold, Brehme, K.H.Forster, Magath and Matthaus (West Germany).

GROUP 3:

Results

27.05.84 Finland-Northern Ireland 1-0
(Valvee)

12.09.84 Northern Ireland-Rumania 3-2
(Andone (og), Whiteside, O'Neill/Hagi, Augustin)

17.10.84 England-Finland 5-0

(Hateley 2, Robson, Sansom, Woodcock)

31.10.84 Turkey-Finland 1-2

(Tufekci (p)/Heljm, Lipponen)

14.11.84 Northern Ireland-Finland 2-1

(O'Neill, Armstrong (p)/Lipponen)

14.11.84 Turkey-England 0-1

(Robson 3, Woodcock 2, Barnes 2, Anderson)

27.02.85 Northern Ireland-England 0-1

(Hateley)

03.04.85 Rumania-Turkey 3-0

(Hagi, Camataru 2)

01.05.85 Northern Ireland-Turkey 2-0

(Whiteside 2)

Rumania-England 0-0

22.05.85 Finland-England 1-1

(Rantanen/Hateley)

06.06.85 Finland-Rumania 1-1

(Lipponen/Hagi)

28.08.85 Rumania-Finland 2-0

(Hagi, Mateut)

11.09.85 Turkey-Northern Ireland 0-0

England-Rumania 1-1

(Hoddle/Camataru)

25.09.85 Finland-Turkey 1-0

(Rantanen)

16.10.85 Rumania-Northern Ireland 0-1

(Quinn)

England-Turkey 5-0

(Lineker 3, Waddle, Robson)

14.11.85 England-Northern Ireland 0-0

Turkey-Rumania 1-3
(Metin/Iorgulescu, Coras, Boloni)

GOALS

5: Robson (England)
4: Hateley (England), Hagi (Rumania)
3: Lipponen (Finland), Lineker and Woodcock (England), Whiteside (Northern Ireland), Camataru (Rumania)
2: Rantanen (Finland), Barnes (England), O'Neill (Northern Ireland)
1: Heljm and Valvee (Finland), Anderson, Hoddle, Sansom and Waddle (England), Armstrong and Quinn (Northern Ireland), Augustin, Boloni, Coras, Iorgulescu and Mateut (Rumania), Metin and Tufekci (Turkey)

GROUP 4

Results

29.09.84 Yugoslavia-Bulgaria 0-0

13.10.84 Luxembourg-France 0-4

(Battiston, Platini, Stopyra 2)

20.10.84 East Germany-Yugoslavia 2-3

(Glowatzky, Ernst/Badzarevic, Vokri, Sestic)

17.11.84 Luxembourg-East Germany 0-5

(Eamst 3, Minge 2)

21.11.84 France-Bulgaria 1-0

(Platini (p))

05.12.84 Bulgaria-Luxembourg 4-0

(Sirakov, Velichkov, Mladenov, Dimitrov)

08.12.84 France-East Germany 2-0

(Stopyra, Anziani)

27.03.85 Yugoslavia-Luxembourg 1-0

(Gudelj)

03.04.85 Yugoslavia-France 0-0

06.04.85 Bulgaria-East Germany 1-0

(Mladenov)

01.05.85 Luxembourg-Yugoslavia 0-1

(Vokri)

02.05.85 Bulgaria-France 2-0

(Dimitrov, Sirakov)

18.05.85 East Germany-Luxembourg 3-1

(Minge 2, Ernst/Langers)

01.06.85 Bulgaria-Yugoslavia 2-1

(Guetov 2/Djurovski)

11.09.85 East Germany-France 2-0

(Ernst, Kreer)

25.09.85 Luxembourg-Bulgaria 1-3

(Langers (p)/Hellers (og), Barboni (og), Dimitrov)

28.09.85 Yugoslavia-East Germany 1-2

(Skoro/Thom 2)

30.10.85 France-Luxembourg 6-0

(Rocheteau 3, Toure, Giresse, Fernandez (p))

16.11.85 East Germany-Bulgaria 2-1

(Zoetsche, Liebers/Gotschev)

France-Yugoslavia 2-0

(Platini 2)

GOALS

6: Ernst (East Germany)

4: Minge (East Germany), Platini (France)

3: Dimitrov (Bulgaria), Rocheteau and Stopyra (France)

2: Guetov, Mladenov and Sirakov (Bulgaria), Langers (Luxembourg), Thom (East Germany) and Vokri (Yugoslavia)

1: Gotschev and Velichkov (Bulgaria), Anziani, Battiston, Fernandez, Giresse and Toure (France), Glowatzky, Kreer, Liebers and Zoetsche (East Germany), Badzarevic, Djurovski, Gudelj, Sestic and Skoro (Yugoslavia)

GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

1: Gisinger, Hristic, Jara, Polster, Prohaska and Willfurth (Austria), Christoforou, Fotis and Marangos (Cyprus), De Wit, Koeman, Houtman and Van Basten (Holland), Kardos, Nagy, Roth and Szokolai (Hungary)

GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

1: Gisinger, Hristic, Jara, Polster, Prohaska and Willfurth (Austria), Christoforou, Fotis and Marangos (Cyprus), De Wit, Koeman, Houtman and Van Basten (Holland), Kardos, Nagy, Roth and Szokolai (Hungary)

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ENGLAND's captain, BRYAN ROBSON clashes with Northern Ireland's GERRY ARMSTRONG at Wembley.

(Nyilasi, Szokolai)

17.04.85 Austria-Hungary 0-3

(Kiprich 2, Detari)

01.05.85 Holland-Austria 1-1

(Kieft/Schachner)

14.05.85 Austria-Cyprus 4-0

(Hristic, Polster, Schachner, Willfurth)

Hungary-Holland 0-1

(De Wit)

GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

1: Gisinger, Hristic, Jara, Polster, Prohaska and Willfurth (Austria), Christoforou, Fotis and Marangos (Cyprus), De Wit, Koeman, Houtman and Van Basten (Holland), Kardos, Nagy, Roth and Szokolai (Hungary)

GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

1: Gisinger, Hristic, Jara, Polster, Prohaska and Willfurth (Austria), Christoforou, Fotis and Marangos (Cyprus), De Wit, Koeman, Houtman and Van Basten (Holland), Kardos, Nagy, Roth and Szokolai (Hungary)

GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

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GOALS

4: Kieft (Holland)

3: Schachner (Austria)

2: Schoenaker (Holland), Detari, Esterhazy, Kiprich and Nyilasi (Hungary)

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17.10.84 Switzerland-Denmark 1-0
(Barberis)
Norway-Eire 1-0
(Jacobsen)
14.11.84 Denmark-Eire 3-0
(Elkjaer 2, Lerby)
17.04.85 Switzerland-USSR 2-2
(Bregy (p), Egli/Gavrilov, Demianenko)
01.05.85 Eire-Norway 0-0
02.05.85 USSR-Switzerland 4-0
(Protassov 2, Kondratiev 2)
05.06.85 Denmark-USSR 4-2
(Elkjaer 2, Laudrup 2/Protassov, Gotsmanov)
11.09.85 Switzerland-Eire 0-0
25.09.85 USSR-Denmark 1-0
(Protassov)
09.10.85 Denmark-Switzerland 0-0
16.10.85 Norway-Denmark 1-5
(Sundby/Laudrup, Lerby, Elkjaer, Berggreen 2)
USSR-Eire 2-0
(Cherenkov, Protassov)
31.10.85 USSR-Norway 1-0
(Kondratiev)
13.11.85 Switzerland-Norway 1-1
(Matthey/Sundby)
Eire-Denmark 1-4
(Stapleton/Elkjaer 2, Laudrup, Siveback)

GOALS

8: Elkjaer (Denmark)
5: Protassov (USSR)
4: Laudrup (Denmark)
3: Kondratiev (USSR)
2: Berggreen and Lerby (Denmark), Stapleton (Eire), Sundby (Norway) and Egli (Switzerland)
1: Siveback (Denmark), Grealish, Sheedy and Walsh (Eire), Jacobsen and Thoresen (Norway), Bregy, Barberis and Matthey (Switzerland), Cherenkov, Demianenko, Gavrilov, Gotsmanov and Litovchenko (USSR)

GROUP 7

Results

12.09.84 Iceland-Wales 1-0
(Berggs)
17.10.84 Spain-Wales 3-0
(Rincon, Carrasco, Butragueno)
Scotland-Iceland 3-0
(McStay 2, Nicholas)
14.11.84 Scotland-Spain 3-0
(Johnston 2, Dalglish/Goicoechea)
Wales-Iceland 2-1
(Thomas, Hughes/Peterson)
27.02.85 Spain-Scotland 1-0
(Clos)
27.03.85 Scotland-Wales 0-1
(Rush)
30.04.85 Wales-Spain 3-0
(Rush 2, Hughes)
28.05.85 Iceland-Scotland 0-1
(Bett)
12.06.85 Iceland-Spain 1-2
(Thordarsson/Sarabia, Marcos)
11.09.85 Wales-Scotland 1-1
(Hughes/Cooper)
25.09.85 Spain-Iceland 2-1
(Rincon, Gordillo/Thorbjornsson)

GOALS

3: Hughes and Rush (Wales)
2: Johnston and McStay (Scotland), Rincon (Spain)
1: Bett, Cooper, Dalglish and Nicholas (Scotland), Butragueno, Carrasco, Clos, Goicoechea, Gordillo, Marcos and Sarabia (Spain), Berggs, Peterson, Thorbjornsson and Thordarsson (Iceland), Thomas (Wales).

SOUTH AMERICA

GROUP 1

Results

26.05.85 Colombia-Peru 1-0
(Prince)
Venezuela-Argentina 2-3
(Torres, Marquez/Maradona 2, Passarella)
02.06.85 Venezuela-Peru 0-1
(Uribe)
Colombia-Argentina 1-3
(Prince/Pasculli 2, Burachaga)
09.06.85 Peru-Colombia 0-0
Argentina-Venezuela 3-0
(Russo, Clausen, Maradona)
16.06.85 Peru-Venezuela 4-1
(Navarro, Barbadillo, Hirano, Cueto/Febles)
Argentina-Colombia 1-0
(Valdano)
23.06.85 Venezuela-Colombia 2-2
(Cedeno, Anor/Ortiz, Herrera)
Peru-Argentina 1-0
(Oblitas)
30.06.85 Colombia-Venezuela* 2-0
(Cordoba, Herrera)
Argentina-Peru 2-2
(Pasculli, Gareca/Velasquez, Barbadillo)

GOALS

3: Pasculli and Maradona (Argentina)
2: Herrera and Prince (Colombia), Barbadillo (Peru)
1: Burruchaga, Clausen, Gareca, Passarella, Russo and Valdano (Argentina), Cordoba and Ortiz (Colombia), Cueto, Hirano, Navarro, Oblitas, Uribe and Velasquez (Peru), Anor, Cedeno, Febles, Marquez and Torres (Venezuela).

TABLE

Argentina	6	4	1	1	2	6	9
Peru	6	3	2	1	8	4	8
Colombia	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Venezuela	6	0	1	5	5	1	1

GROUP 2

Results

03.03.85 Ecuador-Chile 1-1
(Cuv/Neira)
10.03.85 Uruguay-Ecuador 2-1
(Aguilera, Ramos/Cuvi)
17.03.85 Chile-Ecuador 6-2
(Puebla, Caszely 2, Hsis, Aravena 2/Baldeon 2)
24.03.85 Chile-Uruguay 2-0
(Rubio, Aravena)
31.03.85 Ecuador-Uruguay 0-2
(Saralegui, Francescoli)
07.04.85 Uruguay-Chile 2-1
(Batista, Ramos (p)/Aravena (p)).

GOALS

4: Aravena (Chile)
2: Caszely (Chile), Baldeon and Cuvi (Ecuador), Ramos (Uruguay)
1: Hisiu, Neira, Puebla and Rubio (Chile), Aguilera, Batista, Francescoli and Saralegui (Uruguay).

TABLE

Uruguay	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
Chile	4	2	1	1	0	5	5
Ecuador	4	0	1	3	4	1	1

GROUP 3

Results

26.05.85 Bolivia-Paraguay 1-1
(Rojas/Nunez)
02.06.85 Bolivia-Brazil 0-2
(Casagrande, Noro (og))
09.06.85 Paraguay-Bolivia 3-0
(Mendoza, Jacquet, Romero)
16.06.85 Paraguay-Brazil 0-2
(Casagrande, Zico)
23.06.85 Brazil-Paraguay 1-1
(Socrates/Romero)
30.06.85 Brazil-Bolivia 1-1
(Careca/Sanchez)

GOALS

2: Sanchez (Bolivia), Casagrande (Brazil), Romero (Paraguay)
1: Rojas (Bolivia), Careca, Socrates and Zico (Brazil), Jacquet, Mendoza and Nunez (Paraguay)

TABLE

Brazil	4	2	2	0	6	2	6
Paraguay	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Bolivia	4	0	2	2	2	7	2

1ST ROUND PLAY-OFFS

27.10.85 Chile-Peru 4-2
(Aravena 2, Hisiu, Rubio/Navarro 2)



Paraguay-Colombia 3-0
(Hicks, Romero, Cabanas)
03.11.85 Peru-Chile 0-1
(Aravena)
Colombia-Paraguay 2-1
(Angulo, Ortiz/Ferreira)

2ND ROUND PLAY-OFF

10.11.85 Paraguay-Chile 0-0
(Cabanas, Delgado, Garrido (og))
17.11.85 Chile-Paraguay 2-2
(Rubio, Munz/Schettina, Romero)

CONCACAF

1ST PHASE

Results

29.07.84 El Salvador-P.Rico 5-0
05.08.84 P.Rico-El Salvador 0-3
28.09.84 Antilles-USA 0-0
07.10.84 USA-Antilles 4-0
15.06.84 Panama-Honduras 0-3
24.06.84 Honduras-Panama 1-0
04.08.84 Antigua-Haiti 0-4
07.08.84 Haiti-Antigua 1-2
15.08.84 Surinam-Guyana 1-0
29.08.84 Guyana-Surinam 1-1

2ND PHASE

GROUP 1

24.02.85 El Salvador-Surinam 3-0
(Alfaro, Huez, Hernandez)
27.02.85 Surinam-El Salvador 0-3
(Rivas 2, Zapata)
03.03.85 Honduras-Surinam 1-1
(Laing/Kinker)
07.03.85 Surinam-Honduras 1-2
(Rigters/Figueroa 2)
10.03.85 El Salvador-Honduras 1-2
(Rivas/Bailey, Laing)
14.03.85 Honduras-El Salvador 0-0

TABLE

Honduras	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
El Salvador	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Surinam	4	0	1	3	2	9	1

GROUP 2

24.04.85 Costa Rica-Trinidad & Tobago 3-0
(Williams, Lacey, Nobrega)
28.04.85 Trinidad & Tobago-Costa Rica 1-1
(Moon/Ulate)

15.05.85 USA-Trinidad & Tobago 2-1
(Borja, Peterson/Fonrose)
19.05.85 Trinidad & Tobago-USA
(Caligiuri)
26.05.85 Costa Rica-USA 1-1
(Ramirez/Kerr)
31.05.85 USA-Costa Rica 0-1
(Coronado)

TABLE

Costa Rica	4	2	2	0	6	2	6
USA	4	2	1	4	3	5	5
Trinidad	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

GROUP 3

13.04.85 Canada-Haiti 2-0
(Vrablic, Sweeney)
20.04.85 Canada-Guatemala 2-1
(Mitchell, Pakos/Funes)
26.04.85 Haiti-Guatemala 0-1
(Monzon)
05.05.85 Guatemala-Canada 1-1
(Peres/Mitchell)
08.05.85 Haiti-Canada 0-2
(Mitchell, Vrablic)
15.05.85 Guatemala-Haiti 4-0
(Chacon, Galindo, Funes, Solorzano)

TABLE

Canada	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Guatemala	4	2	1	1	7	3	5
Haiti	4	0	0	4	0	9	0

THIRD PHASE

Results

11.08.85 Costa Rica-Honduras 2-2
(Solano, Williams/Figueroa, Betancourt)
17.08.85 Canada-Costa Rica 1-1
(James/Ragan (og))
25.08.85 Honduras-Canada 0-1
(Pakos)
01.09.85 Costa Rica-Canada 0-0
08.09.85 Honduras-Costa Rica 3-1
(Caballero, Figueroa 2/Guimaraes)
14.09.85 Canada-Honduras 2-1
(Pakos, Vrablic/Betancourt)

TABLE

Canada	4	2	2	0	4	2	6
Honduras	4	1	1	2	6	3	3
Costa Rica	4	0	3	1	4	6	3

GOALS

5: Figueroa (Honduras)
3: Mitchell, Pakos and Vrablic (Canada), Rivas (El Salvador)
2: Williams (Costa Rica), Funes (Guatemala), Betancourt and Laing (Honduras)
1: James and Sweeney (Canada), Coronado, Guimaraes, Lacey, Nobrega, Ramirez, Solano, Ulate and Williams (Costa Rica), Alfaro, Hernandez, Huez and Zapata (El Salvador), Bjora, Caligiuri, Kerr and Peterson (USA), Chacon, Galindo, Monzon, Peres and Solorzano (Guatemala), Bailey and Caballero (Honduras), Kinker and Rigters (Surinam), Fonrose and Moon (Trinidad)

OCEANIA GROUP

Results

03.09.85 Israel-Taiwan 6-0
(Turk 3, Malmillian 2, Armeli)
08.09.85 Taiwan-Israel 0-5
(Cohen, Armeli, Ohana 3)
21.09.85 New Zealand-Australia 0-0
05.10.85 New Zealand-Taiwan 5-1
(Sumner 3, Edge, Walker/Ah Chen)
08.10.85 Israel-Australia 1-2
(Armeli/Mitchell, Kosmina)
12.10.85 Taiwan-New Zealand 0-5
(Turner 2, Walker 2, Boath)
20.10.85 Australia-Israel 1-1
(Ratcliffe/Malmillian)
23.10.85 Australia-Taiwan 7-0
(Mitchell 3, Dunn 2, Arnold, Chunk-Kuei (og))
26.10.85 New Zealand-Israel 3-1
(Rufer, Dunford, Walker/Armeli)
27.10.85 Taiwan-Australia 0-8
(Kosmina 3, Odzakov 3, Gray, Crino)
03.11.85 Australia-New Zealand 2-0
(Mitchell, Kosmina)
10.11.85 Israel-New Zealand 3-0
(Cohen, Selecter, Armeli)

TABLE

Australia	6	4	2	0	2	10	10
Israel	6	3	1	2	1	7	7
New Zealand	6	3	1	2	1	3	7
Taiwan	6	0	0	6	1	3	6

GOALS

5: Kosmina and Mitchell (Australia), Armeli (Israel)
4: Walker (New Zealand)
3: Odzakov (Australia), Malmillian, Ohana and Turk (Israel), Sumner (New Zealand)
2: Dunn (Australia), Cohen (Israel), Turner (New Zealand)
1: Arnold, Crino, Gray and Ratcliffe (Australia), Selecter (Israel), Rufer, Dunford, Edge and Boath (New Zealand), Ah-Chen (Taiwan)

1ST PHASE

GROUP 1 (Subgroup A)

12.04.85 Saudi Arabia-United Arab Emirates 0-0
19.04.85 United Arab Emirates-Saudi Arabia 1-0
GROUP 1 (Subgroup B)
15.03.85 Jordan-Qatar 1-0
29.03.85 Jordan-Iraq 2-3
05.04.85 Qatar-Iraq 3-0
12.04.85 Qatar-Jordan 2-0
19.04.85 Iraq-Jordan 2-0
03.05.85 Iraq-Qatar 2-1

TABLE

Iraq	4	3	0	1	7	6	6
Qatar	4	2	0	2	6	3	4
Jordan	4	1	0	3	3	7	2

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GROUP 2 (Subgroup A)
22.03.85 Syria-Kuwait 1-0
29.03.85 North Yemen-Syria 0-1
05.04.85 Kuwait-North Yemen 5-0
12.04.85 Kuwait-Syria 0-0
19.04.85 Syria-North Yemen 3-0
26.04.85 North Yemen-Kuwait 1-3

TABLE

Syria	4310507
Kuwait	4211825
North Yemen	40041120

GROUP 2 (Subgroup B)

29.03.85 South Yemen-Bahrain 1-4
12.04.85 Bahrain-South Yemen 3-3

GROUP 3 (Subgroup A)

02.02.85 Nepal-South Korea 0-2
10.03.85 Malaysia-South Korea 1-0
16.03.85 Nepal-Malaysia 0-0
31.03.85 Malaysia-Nepal 5-0
06.04.85 South Korea-Nepal 4-0
19.05.85 South Korea-Malaysia 3-0

TABLE

South Korea	4301916
Malaysia	4211835
Nepal	4013011

GROUP 3 (Subgroup B)

15.03.85 Indonesia-Thailand 1-0
18.03.85 Indonesia-Bangladesh 2-0
21.03.85 Indonesia-India 2-1
23.03.85 Thailand-Bangladesh 3-0
26.03.85 Thailand-India 0-0
29.03.85 Thailand-Indonesia 0-1
30.03.85 Bangladesh-India 1-2
02.04.85 Bangladesh-Indonesia 2-1
05.04.85 Bangladesh-Thailand 1-0
06.04.85 India-Indonesia 1-1
09.04.85 India-Thailand 1-1
12.04.85 India-Bangladesh 2-1

28.04.85 Macao-Hong Kong 0-2
04.05.85 Hong Kong-Macao 2-0
12.05.85 China-Macao 6-0
19.05.85 China-Hong Kong

TABLE

Hong Kong	651019211
China	64111969
Macao	62044154
Brunei	60062190

GROUP 4 (Subgroup B)

19.01.85 Singapore-North Korea 1-1
23.02.85 Singapore-Japan 1-3
21.03.85 Japan-North Korea 1-0
30.04.85 North Korea-Japan 0-0
18.05.85 Japan-Singapore 5-0
25.05.85 North Korea-Singapore 2-0

TABLE

Japan	4310917
North Korea	4121324
Singapore	4013211

QUARTER FINALS

21.07.85 South Korea-Indonesia 2-0
30.07.85 Indonesia-South Korea 1-4
11.08.85 Japan-Hong Kong 3-0
22.09.85 Hong Kong-Japan 1-2
06.09.85 Bahrain-Syria 1-1
20.09.85 Syria-Bahrain 1-0
United Arab Emirates-Iraq 2-3
Iraq-United Arab Emirates 1-2

SEMI-FINALS

26.10.85 Japan-South Korea 1-2
03.11.85 South Korea-Japan 1-0
15.11.85 Syria-Iraq 0-0
29.11.85 Iraq-Syria 3-1

AFRICA

1ST PHASE

Zone A

28.08.84 Egypt-Zimbabwe 1-0
30.09.84 Zimbabwe-Egypt 1-1
13.10.84 Kenya-Ethiopia 2-1



Finland 'keeper Olli Huttunen and centre-back Pauno Kymalainen combine to shut out Terry Butcher at Wembley



MARADONA on the move for Argentina against Venezuela.

Zone B
30.06.84 Sierra Leone-Morocco 0-1
15.07.84 Morocco-Sierra Leone 4-0
21.10.84 Libya-Nigeria 2-0
02.11.84 Nigeria-Lybia 0-2
28.10.84 Benin-Tunisia 0-2
13.11.84 Tunisia-Benin 4-0

Zone C
21.10.84 Ivory Coast-Gambia 4-0
02.11.84 Gambia-Ivory Coast 3-2
20.10.84 Nigeria-Liberia 3-0
03.11.84 Liberia-Nigeria 0-1
01.06.84 Angola-Senegal 1-0
15.07.84 Senegal-Angola 1-0 (Angola won on penalties)

ROUND OF 16

11.02.85 Guinea-Tunisia 1-0
24.02.85 Tunisia-Guinea 2-0
23.02.85 Sudan-Lybia 0-0
08.03.85 Lybia-Sudan 4-0
31.03.85 Angola-Algeria 0-0
19.04.85 Algeria-Angola 3-2
05.04.85 Egypt-Madagascar 1-0
21.04.85 Madagascar-Egypt 1-0 (Egypt won on penalties)
06.04.85 Kenya-Nigeria 0-3
20.04.85 Nigeria-Kenya 3-1
07.04.85 Zambia-Cameroon 4-0
21.04.85 Cameroon-Zambia 1-1
07.04.85 Morocco-Malawi 2-0
21.04.85 Malawi-Morocco 0-0
07.04.85 Ivory Coast-Ghana 0-0
21.04.85 Ghana-Ivory Coast 2-0

QUARTER-FINALS

06.07.85 Nigeria-Tunisia 1-0
20.07.85 Tunisia-Nigeria 2-0
13.07.85 Algeria-Zambia 2-0
28.07.85 Zambia-Algeria 0-1
14.07.85 Ghana-Lybia 0-0
26.07.85 Lybia-Ghana 2-0
13.07.85 Egypt-Morocco 0-0
28.07.85 Morocco-Egypt 2-0

SEMI-FINAL

06.10.85 Tunisia-Algeria 1-4 (Rakbaui/Madger, Menad 2, Said)
Morocco-Lybia 3-0 (Merry, Timoumi, Bouderbala)
18.10.85 Algeria-Tunisia 3-0 (Madjer, Menad, Yahi)
Lybia-Morocco 1-0 (Ferjani)



JIM LEIGHTON saves a penalty in ICELAND.

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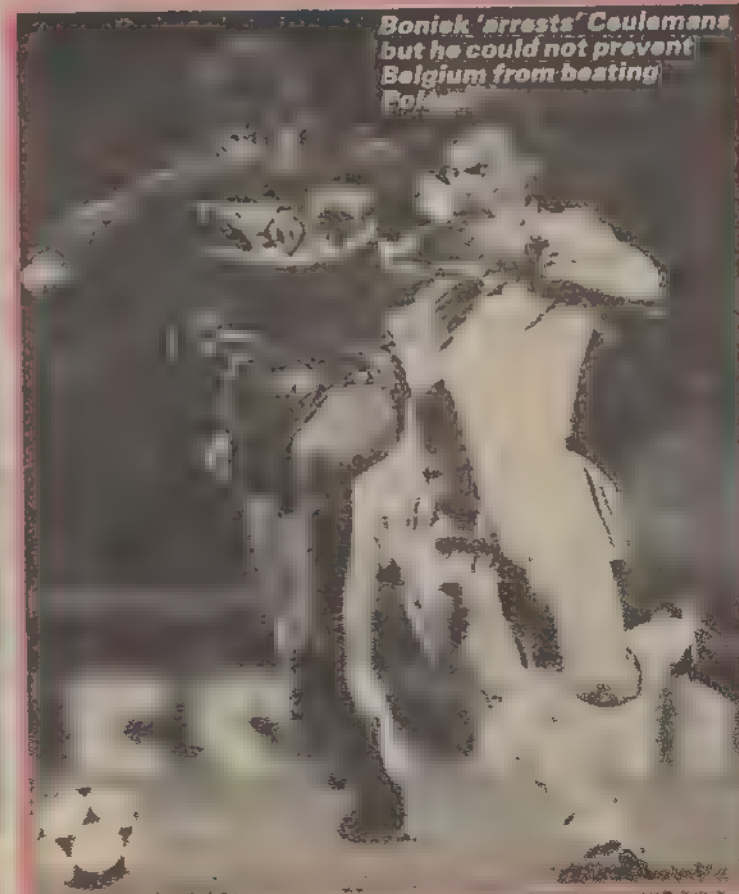
GROUP 4 (Subgroup A)

17.02.85 Hong Kong-China 0-0
Macao-Brunei 2-0
20.02.85 Macao-Brunei 0-4
23.02.85 Hong Kong-Brunei 8-0
26.02.85 China-Brunei 8-0
01.03.85 Brunei-China 0-4
06.04.85 Brunei-Hong Kong 1-5
12.04.85 Brunei-Macao 1-2

28.10.84 Ethiopia-Kenya 3-3
15.07.84 Mauricius-Malawi 0-1
23.07.84 Malawi-Mauricius 4-1
29.07.84 Zambia-Uganda 3-0
25.08.84 Uganda-Zambia 1-0
13.10.84 Tanzania-Sudan 1-1
27.10.84 Sudan-Tanzania 0-0



Scotland's Mo Johnston heads home against Spain.



Boniek 'arrests' Ceulemans but he could not prevent Belgium from beating Poland

DISAPPOINTED CITY FAN

Dear Sir,

In reading your Chit Chat page in Soccer Weekly, I would just like to reply.

If NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown and Fairy Meadow officials were manning the gate at Towradgi Park then they, too, must have seen the lack of seating and non-existent grand stand at the park. I for one paid \$5.00 and also had to carry a chair and umbrella.

If those in the "sticks" want to charge the same admission price as elsewhere, maybe they should hold their games at a suitable venue.

Even the so called "double header" was less than entertaining and I for one wouldn't be bothered travelling down there again.

City Fan

ED — Fair point about the inflated price — not only should it be cut down in Wollongong but everywhere.

NO JOHN — YOU WERE WRONG!

Dear Sir,

As a keen Newcastle Rosebud supporter, I must reply to John Economos' summary of the Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Ampol Cup match, won 3-2 by Newcastle.

First, John, Newcastle is no "kids" team. As flattering as it may seem, eight of the side which played Olympic that night were between 21 and 30. Mark Jones, at 19, is Newcastle's youngest first team regular and he's an Aussie Youth international (Russia '85).

Secondly, you quote Olympic as being "far more illustrious and experienced opponents." That's rubbish John, as both teams have about the same number of past and present senior and youth representatives (Australian and New Zealand). The average age of both teams is similar and if anything, Senkalski at 28 is obviously older and more experienced than Raskopolous at 23, if team captaincy is any guide.

As for the "cathedral silence" when Derek Todd scored our first goal, didn't you hear or see any Newcastle fans at this match or do we have to riot to rate a mention?

Finally, John, you mention Olympic's "star-studded" line-up of, Phillips, Soper, "Rasko", Dakos and Estavillio — fair enough. But surely Maier, Todd, Senkalski, Owens and Naumov are their equals. Throw in Gary Meier for Olympic and we have "Kiwi" Clint Gosling — all experienced players, and "stars" to their respective supporters.

In summing up John, I feel your usual standard of writing took a tumble on this occasion, but I look forward to ASW and your articles all over again in 1986.

R. Greig,
Kotara, 2288

ED — If that John Economos report tempted you to sit down and contribute this interesting reply, ASW must be doing its job.

DAYNEY'S BACK

Dear Sir,

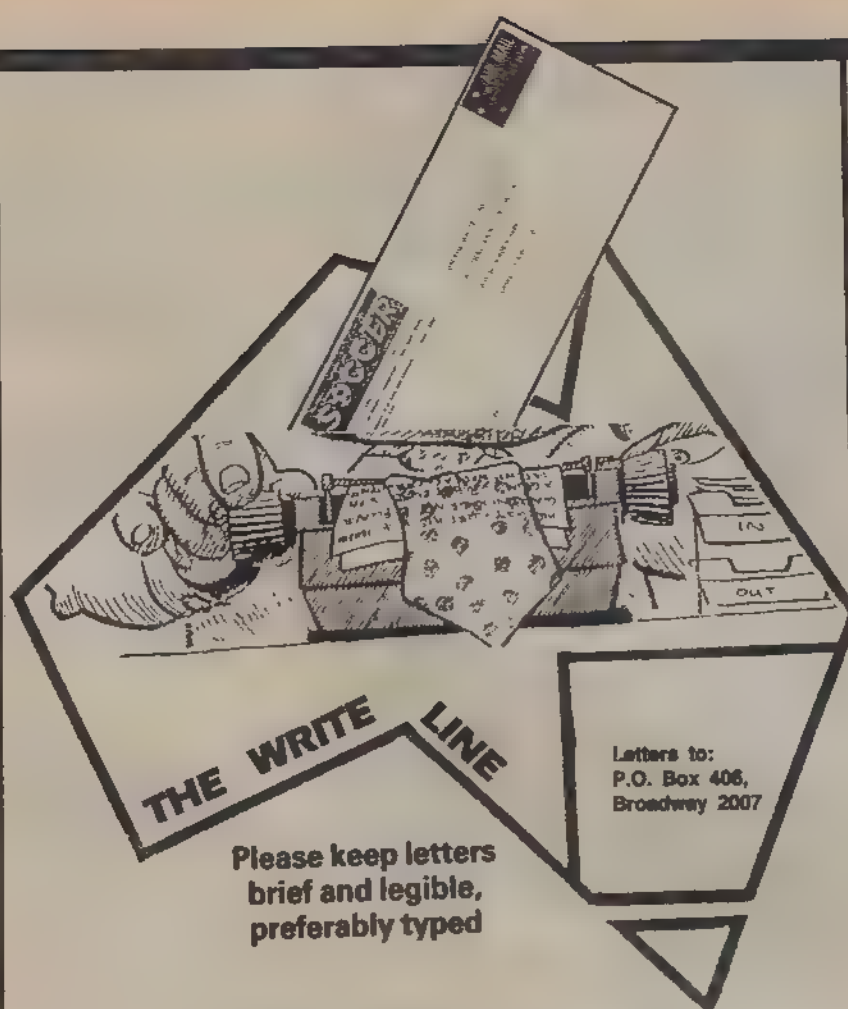
There are some rumours that Fred Dayney the ex-Maltese international who played for Auburn and Melita is again in training and planning a comeback with one of the 1st Division State League teams.

Well if I didn't see this man playing at St George Stadium in the Ethnic Cup I would not have believed it but he did more running than his younger members in the team and he still has beautiful ball control and distribution.

I'd love to see Fred Dayney in action again as he is entertaining to watch, and I feel considering he is a little bit fitter he will be a valuable asset to any team even at his age.

Peter Venglos,
Mascot, NSW

ED — Players with genuine skill are always welcome — there are quite enough of the other sort.



RATCLIFFE'S PERFECT

Dear Sir,

David Ratcliffe, St. George's stoic central defender is the man to lead the Socceroos in future World Cup matches and any other internationals for that matter.

Frank Arok erred in appointing Sydney City's John Kosmina national captain as his form on a few occasions didn't warrant his remaining on the field.

As I saw it he was never replaced mainly because he was the captain and that is not right.

A player should be judged by his form and not his title or whatever.

Ratcliffe meanwhile never has a bad game for Australia and his mere presence as captain would be a great thing for the team.

He has the knowledge and understanding as to how to marshal a side, as he shows with his club side and is perfect for the job, whilst Kosmina doesn't even captain his club. Eddie Thomson must know something.

Mark Paton,
Enfield, NSW

ED — The man in charge of his national side must have all qualities in great abundance. He must not just have wisdom and experience but a will to lead from the front and show how it should be done. As for Kosmina holding his place just as captain, that is something only the national coach must decide. If a player doesn't perform he can be replaced no matter who he is.

Most national coaches are very hesitant in replacing their captain.

1987 NATIONAL LEAGUE A REAL JOKE!

Dear Sir,

The decision of the National Soccer League to convert to a 14 team league competition next season is a joke while our clubs are playing in such poor excuses for stadiums.

Being from Britain it is not until seeing the facilities of other countries that you can judge your own grounds.

European grounds in general are very good and until these sort of facilities can be boasted here, clubs shouldn't be allowed to charge such exorbitant prices.

P. Mearns,
Doonside, NSW

ED — You have gone a little too much over your head in my opinion. Australia has a couple of good Soccer stadiums but will never have a multitude.

As for the over-pricing, you may be right. It is possible that \$5 is too big a slug and this might deter some spectators from attending matches.

Maybe the NSL should try something like adults \$3.50, 12-18 year-olds \$2 and children and pensioners \$1 and take the risk of losing a little revenue.

Mum, dad, one teenager and a child would get in for \$10 ... perfect!



JOHN KOSMINA, current Australian captain displays his aggression but it's David Ratcliffe as skipper for one reader.



David Ratcliffe, St. George

CANADIAN TIP

Dear Sir,

With Canada qualifying for their first World Cup Finals, what advice would you give our national coach as he prepares to take on Russia, France and Hungary?

J. Ogdorn,
Ontario, Canada.

ED — Just to enjoy himself. Only a supreme optimist would choose Canada to qualify out of that group. They won't win the World Cup, so they can go to Mexico knowing they will be able to savour every minute of it before returning home with happy memories.

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THE VEST WORD



NSW State Coach, ALAN VEST
writes exclusively for ASW

THE sum of \$750,000^{*} been made available by the West Australian Government to set up a task force to have a look at the total Soccer set up in WA, as well as money for a new administration headquarters.

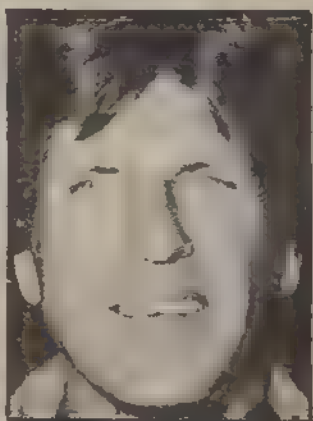
Steve Stacey has been appointed as chairman of the committee and his credentials in the game are top class. An ex-professional player in the UK with Ipswich and Bristol City, Steve was captain of the WA State side in 1974 when I was the coach of the team that won the National Marah Halum Cup in Indonesia, and has also been an executive board member of the Federation. Other members of the committee will include a management consultant, marketing man, accountant, media man and a representative nominated by the Federation.

They realise their problems with distance and rarely seeing the national coach or any other Soccer or teams from the east coast and they hope to come up with answers to

where they want Soccer to be in the short term, 2-5 years, and in the longer term.

The State League is the shop window at the moment and they hope to find ways and means of raising the standard as well as more junior development by the State League clubs.

More exposure for their State team looks another likely possibility with games involving Asia as well as State sides from Australia. Makes you think though with the problems involving the National League and State League that a similar independent task force might come up with answers for the future of the game generally.



INTERESTING to see the proposed re-appointment of Frank Arok and to see that he will have control over all the national teams.

There should be no hesitation on this matter. It's the logical thing to do whoever the national coach is.

He should have full control of selecting his staff for all the Australian teams.

It must be this way to be sure all coaches are on a similar wavelength and should work with the national coach for the duration of his contract.

From the Sideline

**WITH FAIRY MEADOW
COACH, MIKE JOHNSON**

**TODAY MIKE WRITES ABOUT
FRANK AROK'S LAPPING UP OF UK TEAMS...**



AUSTRALIA's national coach, Frank Arok, says that the game in Britain is so predictable that, following the study of video films, his Australian team has been able to totally negate all the British teams it has played in recent times.

He made his statement to me during a conversation at Soccer House, the headquarters of St George BSC.

The remark contradicted something I said in a recent column that Soccer was too flexible and unpredictable to be nullified by video.

Rugby League teams and especially gridiron teams, can be stopped with defensive tactics formulated from video study of the many stereotyped "plays" that occur in those sports.

Of course, it has been well known and constantly commented upon, that there is a stereotyped nature to British Soccer teams.

Even I, for long a critic of the predictability of British Soccer, had not been aware of just how stereotyped it often is.



Scots in leaving some of their best players at home for the return game against Australia, was only matched by the lethargy of those who did take the field in Melbourne.

I was staggered to discover the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Steve Nicol, Gordon Strachan and Arthur Albiston were all left off the plane — presumably because it was thought they would not be needed.

As Arok put it: "They still think that we are bunch of Soccer koalas."

Frank Arok was under constant criticism midway through last year because of the style of play he was using.

At the time, I made the statement in this newspaper that he was one of the world's great coaches.

I played under a range of managers in England at Fulham, Newcastle, Brighton and Doncaster and have travelled since extensively through Europe and Britain, listening to and observing top coaches.

Only the late Jock Stein of Celtic and Scotland impressed me as having comparable ability to Arok.

Arok is a brilliant man, capable of success in numerous fields.

His failing is that he did not back his ability and take to full-time coaching as a young man.

This has meant he has often coached in the relative backwaters of world Soccer.

But his great intellect, enormous drive and intense fanaticism for Soccer have overcome even that handicap and now in his 50s he is one of the world's very best coaches.

It is a pleasure to pay tribute to his greatness.

I am hopeful Arok's next four years will bring tremendous benefit to Australian Soccer.



KENNY DALGLISH

(Above) FRANK AROK

Arok set up a defensive system to block out all progress down the wings from British teams.

"Their game is based on wing play," he said. "Stop them there and their whole game is disrupted. We did it three times against the English national team and they never seemed to catch on."

"The better the team, the better they attack down the wings, but sometimes that makes them even more predictable."

Of course it is one thing to plot a defensive strategy against a team like Scotland and another to make it work for Australia.

Indeed, in Glasgow, Australia at times looked like being swamped.

However, in the end they were probably worth a 0-2 result when the locals had been talking of 6-0, even 8-0.

Such parochialism betrays the weakness of some British spectators, players, coaches and administrators.

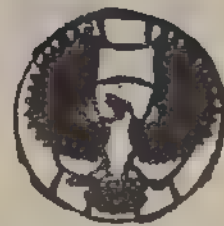
They do not appear to be able to accept that just as the British Empire has long disintegrated, so has British Soccer supremacy.

This is especially so at World Cup national team level, where, throughout history, British teams have struggled to make the finals and only England has won the Cup.

The complacency of the



THE AUSTRALIAN bench explodes with joy as the final whistle sounds when Australia defeat New Zealand 2-0 at the Sports Ground.



A SHINING STAR — BUT NOT FOR US

BY JEFF GALE

ANOTHER Australian star has been born and is blossoming, but when he matures he will be yet another loss to this country's Soccer.

We are referring to Lou Hristodoulou — the 18-year-old Australian Youth team striker or midfielder and one of Adelaide Hellas' top signings for 1986.

Back in Adelaide after two years at the Australian Institute of Sport, the modest youngster, oozing talent, has his future carefully mapped out.

On the side of education he starts a Bachelor of Science course at Adelaide University next month, with a major in chemistry his objective.

This goal is a back-up should he fail to make the big time in Soccer.

The plan there is to become a regular in the Hellas National Soccer League team, play again for the Australian Youth team and break into the senior Socceroos.

Then it's a crack at the European arena with AEK or Panathinaikos in Greece.

Hristodoulou was the youngest star in Jimmy Shoulder's Australian Youth squad last year and although he will be possibly the oldest next time around, he can make the

age limit by seven days, just meeting the August 1 birth deadline.

So far he is on schedule for his NSL program, with coach Neil McGachey selecting the youngster as a first-up senior player.

"Lou has come through every test so far," said McGachey.

"And the great thing is that he realises there is a big difference between the National Youth League and the NSL.

"So far none of us has been disappointed."

Hristodoulou, who kicked off as a midfielder for SA's Salisbury club before joining Hellas as a 13-year-old, has more than the normal stress to bear by young players trying to crack the senior ranks.

With his Greek background, the Hellas fans are looking for more than the "ordinary" performance required of a star.

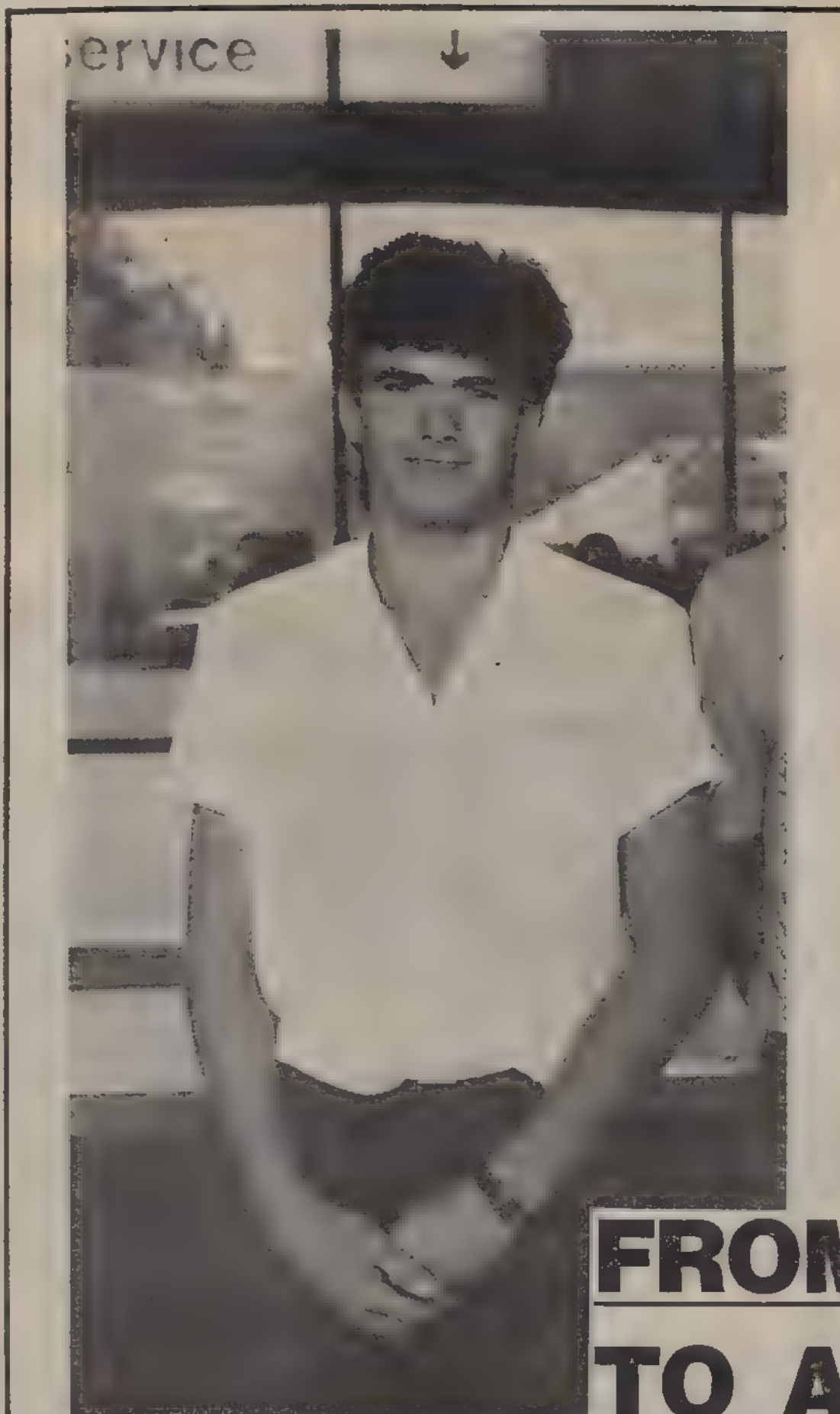
"All I can do is my best," he says.

"It's up to me to meet my own expectations."

These include a possible place in the 1988 Olympic Games squad and the World Cup finals in 1990.

If there were any odds on offer we'd take young Lou to make it to the top.

LOU HRISTODOULOU WANTS TO JOIN THE OVERSEAS TREK



LOU HRISTODOULOU, leaving our shores?

U/16 SELECTION TRIALS

THE under 16 National Soccer Championship to be held in the May School Holidays in Canberra will be used to select young players for the Oceania World Cup qualifying tournament to be held in Taiwan in August.

The winner of the tournament in Taiwan will automatically qualify for the Under 16 World Cup Championships to be held in 1987.

The South Australian Soccer Federation, through its Junior Council, has announced the

appointment of one of the top SA coaches, Jackie Braidwood to take charge of the SA squad at the National championships.

George Dougherty as team manager and Nick Joy as team trainer will assist Braidwood.

FROM ONE END TO ANOTHER

WILLIE MURRAY has tasted his share of National League success with Sydney City and now he will find out "how the other half lives."

Murray has signed with battling Wollongong City and arrived on the South Coast knowing he will be helping the club survive or going down with a sinking ship.

This is do-or-die year for the Wolves under rookie coach John Fleming but, Murray is confident his new team can do the job.

"People have already written the team off, but some of the more fancied clubs could be in for a big shock when they go to Wollongong," Murray said.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm within the club, but everyone knows it won't be easy to hold on to a

place in the League for 1987."

Murray has already proved popular with Wolves' supporters, having played well in their Ampol Cup games.

BY PHIL MURPHY

A Scot, Murray was with Hibernian for 10 years, signing apprentice forms with the club after leaving school.

Now 31, he said he has many fantastic memories of his football in Scotland including a League Cup final against the might of Celtic in 1974.

"We lost 5-3 and a team-mate, Joe Harper scored a hat-trick and

trovsey when not considered good enough to gain a place in the second division this year.

Serbia have been the star performers in the Illawarra church league in recent times and are reported to have big money to spend on building their team.

The newcomers will use the AGA ground as their home base, but have been included in the second division draw — giving Russell Vale another chance to stay in the first division.

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SHELLHARBOUR report they will stage their third annual floodlight knockout series at Barrack Heights Oval next month.

Last season the sponsor had to pull out at the last minute and eventual winners Aris didn't get anywhere near the amount they were promised.

This year, Shellharbour's new sponsors, Allfab, have provided \$1000 for prizemoney and it will be there at the presentations after the final.

Only Illawarra clubs based around Shellharbour will be taking part with two matches each night on March 6, 13 and 20.

Club spokesman Otto Bader says Barrack Heights Oval boasts a new look after plenty of work by officials in the off-season.

"The knockout should be a big success and coach John Boyle is confident our Shellharbour team will do very well," Bader said.

Illawarra Jottings

With Phil Murphy

BELLAMBI's coaching combination of Robert Banks and Frank Brindley baffled West-Figtree with science when they met in a trial match at Elizabeth Park recently.

In the first half Bellambi used both fullbacks to advantage overlapping up the wings and were in front 2-0 when the teams walked off at the interval.

The Figtree players were puzzled about the whole thing because whenever they attacked Bellambi always seemed to have plenty of players back in the box.

It was Figtree midfielder Phil Brown who solved the problem — he decided to count the Bellambi players and he counted up to 12.

Somehow that extra played managed to play out 45 minutes without being noticed.

Let's hope other district players don't try to work that plan during the season.

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Tarrawanna are battling to get an under 19 team on the field this season and other clubs are in the same boat.

Officials tried to solve Tarrawanna's problem with a recruiting drive on Wollongong radio station 2W0.

On the surface it was a big success and officials reported a number of phone calls to secretary Mrs Bea Tomlinson.

The drawback was they were ringing to see what the match payments were.

Just as well they weren't short of first team players ...

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AGA-Germania have dropped out of the Illawarra first division and have been replaced by Wollongong Serbia, the club which caused a con-

finished on the losing side," Murray said.

In his time with Hibs, Murray came up against Eddie Thomson, who was with Aberdeen and Hearts.

It is now history how Thomson came to Australia to coach Sydney City and contacted Murray to come and play for the club.

Murray had been keen to make the move here two years earlier and said he jumped at the chance to sign with Sydney City.

"It has been great playing with the Slickers for four years, particularly as

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NSL DESTRUCTION FOR ADELAIDE?

THE return of the proposed 14-team National League competition next season could spell destruction for Adelaide if one of the two local sides — Adelaide City or Adelaide Hellas — do not qualify or meet the requirements to compete in the Premier League.

Make no mistake, the Adelaide Soccer public is all in favour of the 14-team League.

In all honesty, the present two league (Northern and Southern) format, which has been on trial for the past two seasons, has had very little success and must be scrapped.

BY VIC MIGLIACCO

It will be very hard to imagine only one Adelaide club competing in the new NSL. There will be no more local Derbies and the public would only be able to see one NSL game every two weeks. It just won't work.

My prediction is that if one club is relegated at the end of the season, both clubs will apply to return to the State League in 1987.

It is a well known fact that while Adelaide City and West Adelaide are fierce enemies when they

meet on the Park, at board level the clubs are good friends.

Both clubs hold board meetings together at least four to five times per year. For example an agreement was reached in 1984 between the two clubs that while one of the clubs is negotiating for a player the other club is not allowed to make a bid for the same player.

Two weeks ago the two clubs met and decided that for the 1986 season all women will get free entrance to all NSL matches in Adelaide.

It may be that Charlie Caruso (President) and Tony Antenucci (Secretary) of Adelaide City are from Italian origin and Frank Karagiannis (President) and Con Daskalos (Secretary) of Adelaide Hellas are from Greek descent, but when it comes to final decisions they all work together for the benefit of Soccer in Adelaide.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

PATHETIC CITY MAKE HERMISTON SO ANGRY

JIM HERMISTON is not one to cuss — but a man's patience and enthusiasm can be stretched only so far.

That limit was reached at Richlands last week when the Brisbane City NSL team crashed ingloriously out of the Silver Boot pre-season competition.

"Let's get the bloody hell out of here," Hermiston said to journalists waiting at the dressing room door after City had been beaten in the quarter-finals by premier league side Olympic, a team which escaped relegation last year by just a point.

The unusual turn to phrase from the normally quietly-spoken Scotsman underlined his disgust.

City had been pathetic in drawing 1-1 with Olympic then losing 4-2 on penalties. The Olympic team, basically a side of youngster being rebuilt by former Philippines national coach Juan Cutillas, scored first.

Former Young Socceroo and ex-City Stephen Glockner scored, Olympic very nearly scored again shortly after.

City then missed a penalty — Garry Bromfield hit his shot directly at Olympic goalkeeper Mike Calogerakis — before Glockner steered the ball into his own net to put the NSL side on even terms.

City went into the

match without NSL regulars Kim Wishart, Bobby Hamilton and Alan Reis, and new triallist Phil White — but that could be no excuse. The team should have had enough firepower and experience to win.

But Hermiston summed it up when he said: "Success is attitude. Olympic had the attitude and deserved to win."

"It's not that we got beaten that worries me, but it was they way we were beaten. There was no fight," he said.

"It certainly showed up a few things about a couple of players and I may have to have a re-think before the season starts."

"I could have put my boots on in the second half and gone out there and done better," Hermiston added... something very few would deny and perhaps a realistic alternative for the club despite the Scotsman's 39 years.

There is no driving force on the park at the moment for City. Hermiston's thorough fitness training and never-ending urging obviously stops short at the end of the tunnel.

Brisbane City have not finished above third last for the past four years and

even on this early season indication, things look set to be the same this season. But there will be one

little difference. With this year's performance counting so percent towards the 1987 selection criteria, if

City can't finish in the top five it certainly will be their last in the National League.

LIDDELL LOOKS LIKELY LION

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Brisbane City stopper Frank Liddell, currently playing with Scottish second division club St Johnstone, could be back in Australia for the start of the National League.

But the 23-year-old former Queensland player won't be turning out for his former club.

City's NSL rivals, Lions, have been negotiating with Liddell after he was released on a free transfer by the Spencer Park club last month. City had retained Liddell ever since he returned to Scotland two years ago but were forced to let him go this season to make way for new visa players Phil White and Kieran Cooper.

Lions are understood to want Liddell only on a short-term basis as an immediate replacement for former NSL team stopper Alan Hunter, who transferred to Heideleberg United earlier this season for \$15,000.

Lions have been trialling several players in Hunter's position, including former Gosford player Andrew Stowell. But coach Gordon Arrow-smith is still uncertain about throwing an unproven player straight into an NSL match, particularly when it is vital for Lions to get a good star to the season to ensure they remain among the leaders and enhance their chances of retention in the new set-up.

Any signing of Liddell is not without it's problems for Lions.

The cub also has two visa players on its books, Scotsmen Joe Cairney and Jim McDonagh and is awaiting the arrival of a third — another as yet unnamed Scottish striker.

Club officials admit some kind of reshuffling will be needed to accommodate Liddell,

although Cairney has been awaiting the outcome of his permanent residency application for more than a year.

But barring that being granted in time, it seems either Cairney or McDonagh may be put on the transfer list. McDonagh, who has only been a fringe NSL player, would be the most likely to go — probably to a local premier league club.



JOE CAIRNEY — transfer list?

SOCCER'S WALKING WOUNDED!

BRISBANE SOCCER clubs and players are paying dearly for the ludicrous early start to the season.

The number of injured players already is well into double figures — with the season proper more than a month away.

Some of the injuries are serious enough that the players could miss the opening fixtures.

They include young Taringa striker Mark Gilroy, the son of former Lions and Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy, who has broken his arm and former Grange Thistle defender Mark Aponas, who twisted his reconstructed knee when trialling for Taringa last week.

Others on the injury list over the past fortnight include NSL players David Hutner (back), Wayne Evans (neck), Alan Reis (foot) Phil White (ankle) and Andrew Stowell (groin).

Premier league players injured include Mark and Paul Barry (ankles), Mark Atmore (groin), Rob Farrow (knee) and Stu Woodruffe (ankle).

The injuries all came while playing in the Lions Silver Boot competition, which kicked off in February, despite the Queensland midsummer heat.

Several coaches and plenty of players already have spoken out against the early start, but Lions are not totally to blame.

The Queensland Soccer Federation was adamant no other pre-season tournament would cut across its XXXX pre-season competition which started last week. So Lions had to move their Silver Boot dates forward.

That was created several strange pre-season preparations for some clubs. Non-premier league clubs

like Acacia Ridge and Sunnyside, who were involved in the Silver Boot but are not part of the XXXX tournament, launched into February Silver Boot games, but now are left on their own until the fixtures start on April 12-13.

While the last four Sundays have been occupied by Silver Boot football, there now is no weekend Soccer for a month as the XXXX is a mid-week night competition.

Who says they don't do strange things in Queensland?



ALAN REIS

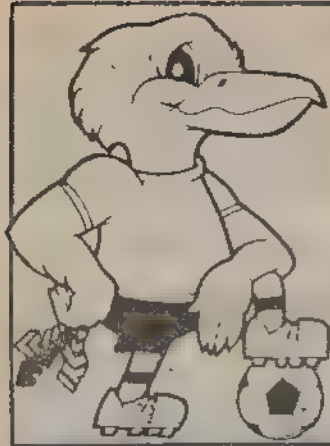


STEVE GLOCKNER, two goals, one in each net.

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THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



HUGE STEP AHEAD

TONY RACITI (right) says:

JUNIOR soccer in NSW took a huge step forward when State delegates introduced the three division system which presently exists within the NSW Youth League.



YOUTH LEAGUE action from NSW.

However it was only a matter of time, due to the lack of competition that these second and third division clubs presented overall to the better organised first division outfits.

This point has been proven in the past, but especially last year when the first division sides dominated every Metropolitan and State title.

It is a privilege for any club to be playing in the first division, but this can only be attained by having the support of a committee with a professional attitude.

More importantly a club which strives to encourage and support four strong and competitive Youth League sides.

This in fact was a guideline for every club which was placed in the first

division when the existing format was introduced.

The club's aggregate points from the four Youth League sides was the sole guideline to be taken into consideration.

There was an outcry from a number of clubs within the League opposing this system.

However they were perished and rightly so for promoting only one or two sides within their club and neglecting the rest.

These clubs would purposely concentrate on these one or two sides because they were their only hope of attaining honours and gaining recognition for that club.

They would appoint qualified coaches to these selected sides, outfit them with all the required gear,

while the other sides were simply used to make up the numbers.

Many would argue that no harm is being caused by such a policy being followed and that Soccer is the only winner.

But they are the misguided officials who support and in fact encourage this policy, which in turn does more harm than good.

The players in the top team have no argument, but what of the other 45 players in the club, being treated as inferiors, which in turn creates disharmony within the club?

This left players with only two options, the first being to give the game away, or secondly to move to a club where every player in all four teams is given equal facilities and opportunities.

It is a fact that clubs which promote only one or two sides, eventually witness a mass exodus of player from within their ranks, obviously from the sides which have been neglected.

Then the administrators of these clubs have the audacity to appeal to the ruling body that their players have been poached.

Every club must understand that the purpose of having four Youth League sides is that all their sides are given the same right and opportunities to develop.

If this was not the intention of the Youth League set-up, then every

club would be given the right to nominate in which division it would like to field its respective age groups.

It is common knowledge, that the Youth League was introduced to promote a club's four junior sides, which in turn leads to a higher and more competitive League.

Also it gives more players the opportunity to participate.

The clubs currently forming division one possess four competitive sides on average, and this is due to the hard work and organisation of their respective administrators.

They have therefore gained the right to participate in the strongest competition in this State.

NSW Youth League administrators therefore should not give clubs in divisions two and three the privilege of competing with the number one division for honours, or else the objective of establishing three graded divisions becomes a fruitless exercise.

Each group should be treated as three separate and independent competitions, with winners of division one being logically recognised as Metropolitan champions.

If the new format is to be a success these guidelines must be introduced or else where is the incentive to play in the first division?

If teams from lower divisions are given equal rights, why bother to have promotion and relegation? There would be no difference.

Clubs must realise and accept the fact that they are in the lower divisions because their overall strength is not up to that of division one clubs.

These clubs will remain in the lower divisions until they achieve the same strength.

Also State and Metropolitan championships should be contested solely by the first division clubs, and not the format which currently exists allowing every club the same opportunity to compete.

The teams in the lower divisions should be made to earn that right.

The NSW Youth League must be congratulated as they have finally organised a competition which is respected, professionally run and above all has improved the level of the junior game in this State.

But the system must be changed and clarified before the competition gets underway next month — clubs have to earn the right to compete at the highest possible level.

JUNIOR CHAT

QUITE a number of junior clubs have been holding trials in recent weeks in readiness for the season, which commences next month.

Nothing unusual about that, but what is disturbing is the fact that a number of coaches are upset because, at most of these fixtures, there are no official referees. As such they take matters into their own hands, and order their sides from the field if they disagree with decisions made by the appointed referee.

It is amazing that these coaches, who believe their actions are quite acceptable, are not immediately expelled from their respective clubs.

Teams involved in this sort of fracas, should lodge an official complaint with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

I have no doubt that the NSWASF will not allow this type of behaviour to continue and coaches who behave in this manner should be informed that their conduct is seriously bringing the game into disrepute.

THERE has been criticism from certain clubs that it is sheer madness playing the Mini Ampol Cup so early in the season.

On three of the Sundays the tournament was played when temperatures were into the 30s. But in defence of the organisers, they played the matches as late in the afternoon as possible, and secondly it was simply incredible that the weather reached heatwave conditions on the very day matches were allocated.

During the week temperatures were at an acceptable level, with matches being played in suitable conditions.

THE preliminary rounds of the Mini Ampol Cup were completed last weekend, and as we went to print the following four clubs appeared likely to qualify for the semi-final stages. . . Granville, North Bankstown, Marconi and Illawarra.

THE administration committee of the NSW Youth League has rejected Central Coast's application to join the competition in 1986.

Central Coast has been denied entry into the League because it failed to affiliate with the Northern NSW Amateur Federation.

The administration committee set a deadline of January 31, 1986 by which time Central Coast were expected to affiliate or else face expulsion from the Youth League.

Central Coast failed to meet the deadline, and its misery becomes Kuringai's pleasure, saving the North Shore Association from relegation into the third division.

It appears that one or two officials within Central Coast are playing 'politics' and realistically all they have achieved is the fact that they now have denied the players within their district the right to play at the highest level of competition in this State.

Obviously the issue is far from over, and it is quite possible that legal action could be forthcoming.

There is no doubt that the decision of the NSW Youth League committee was correct.

Central Coast is bounded by the Northern NSW Amateur Federation, and as such must affiliate with that Branch.

MAL O'NEILL, formerly Granville's senior coach, had his services terminated during the week by the Granville Association. Mal was in charge of Granville's Under 15 squad.

ALAN MAHER, former Socceroo great is obviously still very keen to be involved in the game.

Maier is currently coaching the Granville U/13 Youth League, and it is a tremendous boost for junior Soccer and Granville in particular to have a man of Maier's background involved in coaching at the grass roots level.

THE NSW Youth League competition secretary Howard Smith is anxiously waiting for the NSW Soccer Federation to issue him with a draw for the 1986 State League first, second and third division.

"I have been waiting a number of weeks, and to be honest my patience is starting to wear thin," Smith said. "I am constantly receiving calls from clubs to produce a draw, as they wish to know where they are heading and what plans they need to make."

The number one priority for any sport organisation should be to have a draw made well in advance.

Other sporting codes release their fixture lists months in advance: alas our Soccer administrators must find this task far too awesome.

THE efforts of the officials involved in the development of the Parklea complex are to be applauded. In fact over the past few weeks the Soccer media has highlighted the enormous amount of work, effort and time that been put into the project.

But all that effort and excellent goodwill is destroyed when junior players using the complex find that the facilities are not being properly looked after.

The Mini Ampol Cup has been played during the past four weeks at Parklea, and during that time officials responsible for the maintenance of the ground have not bothered to supply benches for coaches and reserve players.

Furthermore, the swimming pool on the site, other than on the first day the Mini Ampol Cup was played, has not been available for use due to the disgraceful state in which it has been kept.

Parklea is a magnificent complex, and when in use, amenities at all times should be 100 per cent.

Otherwise all the hard work that has been put in will mean nothing.

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SYDNEY CITY IS DEVELOPING STARS THROUGH JUNIOR RANKS

AFTER a couple of years consolidating the organisation and development within the Southern and Eastern Junior district (probably the smallest in the Metropolitan Sydney area), Sydney City teams in the NSW Youth League are now on an upward swing.

Three of the 1985 teams (the u13s, u15s, and u16s) won their respective competitions, while the u14s finished a creditable third. The accumulated points qualified the teams for promotion from the third division to the second division for the 1986 season.

As in the past three or four years, the youth teams will continue to use the senior ground — Sydney Athletic Field — for all home matches.

Although he admitted that it's a nice feeling to top the competition and win promotion into a higher ranking, Paul Bayutti, director of the Sydney City youth teams, pointed out that the main objective is to encourage and develop players for the senior teams, working their way up through the various age groups into the NSL under-19 team and then into the top grade.

In this respect, Sydney City has enjoyed considerable success in developing juniors into National League regulars.

Out of the current senior team that won the Northern Division of the NSL last year, seven came through the junior ranks.

These were Murray Barnes, Stephen O'Connor, Gerardo Gomez, Grant Lee, Graham Fletcher, John Paul de

Marigny, and Ean Rodrigues.

Two more will be joining the first squad this season, Graeme Patterson and Robert Hooker.

Four players from the previous year's u16 youth team were part of the Sydney City u19 team that won the 1985 national title in Melbourne last October.

They were Fabian Sacioti, Stephen Lundy, Anthony Parish, and Steven Garany.

Manager-coach Eddie Thomson is confident most of these boys will be knocking on the door of the senior team within the next two or three years.

Meanwhile, six of last year's u16 youth team have signed contracts with Sydney City Soccer club. These excellent prospects for future honours include Robert Kera, George Koukouniris, George Rapis, Sean Scott, Craig Shiple, and Rickie Sambodi.

Although they will be training with the u19 squad during the week under coach Geoff Harcombe, arrangements have been made for them to play with district amateur all-age teams in order to gain further seasoning and experience.

This is all part of a master plan to gradually increase the standard of competition as they mature physically and in experience.

Top-class coaches have been engaged by Sydney City to handle the youth teams and include Barry

Moured (u13s), John Doyle (u14s), Gary Borradale (u15s), and Paul Bayutti (u16s), as caretaker coach in place of Kaz Kulak who accepted an appointment as head coach for Melbourne Polonia in the

Victorian State League.

Mr Bayutti paid tribute to the Sydney City Soccer club for continuing the funding of, and interest in, their representative teams in the NSW Youth League.



GRAEME FLETCHER, one of the seven current senior stars to come out of Sydney City juniors.

DAVO GOES SOUTH

JOHN ECONOMOS TELLS

SOCCEROO Alan Davidson has quit Nottingham Forest and is once more a South Melbourne player.

Davidson signed last Friday night and said he was happy to be back home.

Also happy to see Davidson back was South Melbourne's coach, John Margaritis.

"He will add great strength to our attack as well as defence," last year's Grand Final winning coach said.

But when I asked Souths' officials what transfer was for Davidson, they answered "peanuts!"

Last year, Davidson joined Nottingham Forest after Forest's coach, Ron Fenton, saw him play in the 1984 International Soccer Series.

Impressed by the attacking right-back's style,

Davidson was offered a contract and Forest paid South Melbourne \$30,000 for his release.

But plagued by injuries, Davidson made limited first team appearances.

I asked Davidson what it was like being under Forest's Brian Clough.

Davo answered: "He says he is the greatest and he is not wrong. In fact

HE is Nottingham Forest on his own."

Davidson will be ready for South Melbourne's first match next month in the NSL Cup.

It is expected he will move into the midfield where a vacuum was created with Oscar Crino's sudden departure to play in Cyprus.

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they are such a professional outfit," Murray said.

"There is no doubt in my mind they are the top club in Australia on and off the field."

At the end of the 1984 season Murray left Sydney City, when lured to State League Manly with promises of a good contract.

Unfortunately for the Scot, Manly ran out of money and last season was to prove a big disappointment for him.

"It was 12 months wasted, really, so I was keen to give Wollongong a go to prove I can still do a job in the NSL," he said.

Of Fleming and his team Murray said they have plenty going for them — "John is very enthusiastic about his first season in the big league and despite early season injuries I feel he can do well."

For Willie Murray the 1986 season is a case of coming back.

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FALCAO MAKES SPEEDY RUN

ROBERTO FALCAO, the magnificent Brazilian, returned to Italy recently where he hoped to make the peace with his former club A.S.Roma - but things didn't exactly turn out as he planned.

Falcao watched Roma in a League match and then said on TV he was prepared to play again in Italy.

Soon after the television show Falcao was hit by a paternity writ alleging he is the father of a four year old Italian boy. The Brazilian was told he would be taken to court and the boy's mother wanted half of his earnings.

Falcao, always a slippery customer on the field, was even quicker heading for Rome airport and was back in Brazil within 24 hours.

He now says he won't be back and his Italian lawyers can sort out the mess!



ROBERTO FALCAO, on the move during his Roma days.

WHERE ARE ALL THE GERMANS?

ALTHOUGH several experts tip West Germany to do well in the World Cup in Mexico, critics at home are not so optimistic.

DER KICKER, the influential German paper, has named the top four

players in the country . . . and not one is a German!

Pezzey, Bum Kun Cha, Soren Lerby and Jean-Marie Pfaff as the top four.

KICKER selects Bruno

DIXON JUMPS INTO MONEY

THINGS have certainly improved for Chelsea centre-forward Kerry Dixon in the past six years.

As a part-timer with Dunstable in 1980, Dixon was paid \$60 a game and had take home pay of \$56 as an apprentice tool-maker.

Today, he gets a basic payment from Chelsea of \$2,000 a week.



KERRY DIXON In the money.

UNITED WAGES — \$2,000,000

DESPITE the acute cash shortage in British football, players with Manchester United have no worries about security in their profession.

At least five, Norman Whiteside, Bryan Robson, Mark Hughes, Gary Bailey and Paul McGrath, have five-year contracts worth anything from \$80,000 to \$160,000 per year.

United's wage bill, just for first teamers, is \$2,000,000 a year.

Yet, despite this huge outlay, players like Mark

Hughes still find it difficult to refuse even much larger pay packets in Italy, Spain and Germany.

Club chairman Martin Edwards says: "We buy the best players and try to keep them by paying the highest wages we can afford. We simply want the best at Old Trafford and are prepared to pay for it if we can."

ANOTHER SILKMAN REMOVAL

THE much-travelled Barry Silkman looks like leaving Southend United — his tenth club!

Silkman was substituted during a recent match when Southend boss Bobby Moore said the player had stomach cramps.

"That's sheer rubbish," said Silkman, adding, "I'm not bothered if I never kick another ball for Southend."



BRYAN ROBSON — big contract.

TERRY'S GOAL

TERRY COOPER, Bristol City manager, hopes to see his club promoted this year to second division but says City's dreadful away record is making it hard.

Cooper expects runaway leaders Reading and the expensively-built Derby County are sure to go up, leaving only one promotion place vacant.

"If we fail, it'll be because of our awful start to the season," said Cooper, former England World Cup full-back. We lost the first four games and that's a heck of a start for any team."

CLARKE TARGET MAN

BOURNEMOUTH goalscorer Colin Clarke is the latest target for wealthy clubs and it is not surprising that Chelsea, who rate him "another Kerry Dixon," lead the field of possible buyers.

Clarke has scored 24 goals for Bournemouth this season.

At 22, he looks a great prospect and, after getting a call-up from Northern Ireland, could be playing in the World Cup in Mexico this year.

Tranmere Rovers must be kicking themselves. They virtually gave Clarke away when they sold him to Bournemouth for only \$40,000.

HITCH IN TRANSFER

THE transfer of Danish World Cup defender John Sivebaek to Manchester United was almost called off by doctors.

United's insurers said Sivebaek had an injury. This caused the Manchester club to pull out of the \$600,000 transfer deal.

A few weeks later, the player returned to Old Trafford armed with specialists' reports from Copenhagen declaring him fully fit — then the deal was finalised.

Schuster snubs Franz

Bernd Schuster — football's 'Captain Sensible' — has done it again!

Barcelona's brash but unquestionably gifted midfield player's response to Franz Beckenbauer's offer to bury the hatchet was positively offensive.

West German boss Beckenbauer offered to fly to Spain to ask Schuster to forget old disagreements and return to the international fold in time for the World Cup.

Schuster's reply? "Physically my countrymen lead the world, but technically and tactically many other countries have overtaken them. If they are waiting for me to play for the national team they will wait forever."

Public relations must beckon bubbling Bernd when his playing days end.

BEN ABRAHAM THE SCOTTISH STRIKER

DID you know that Alon Ben Abraham is a Scottish international winger whose shooting prowess is known world-wide?

It's true. Because Alon's real name is Peter Lorimer, ex-Leeds United star.

Lorimer was sacked by Leeds United who thought, at 39, he was a bit past his best.

Now he has surfaced in Israel. He is being paid \$20,000 to play the rest of the season with Hapoel Haifa.

Trouble is, to suit Israeli

laws, Lorimer has had to convert to the Jewish faith.

This includes circumcision and a change of name.

The change is no hardship to Alon Ben Abraham Lorimer who says: "I've always been close to the Jewish people and wanted to live in Israel."

DON'T be confused if you get your Gibsons mixed up at Manchester United.

In the past few months, United signed Colin Gibson from Aston Villa for \$550,000 and, later, Terry Gibson from Coventry City for \$600,000.

IT'S fashionable these days for English teams to take a few days in the sun during the winter.

Arsenal flew to Trinidad in December and Spurs have just had a break in Jersey.

ALON BEN ABRAHAM alias PETER LORIMER in action for Leeds in the early 70s.



COLIN GIBSON



STH AFRICAN INVITE

TERRY PAINE now lives in Johannesburg but his many fans in England will never forget the marvellous service this outstanding winger gave to the code with Southampton.

So, when Southampton

organised their Centenary Dinner last weekend, they cabled to Springbok-land

asking Paine to return for the function.

It was a nice gesture to a player who played an amazing 809 first team games for the club and turned out 15 times for England.

"It wouldn't be right to hold the dinner without 'Mr Football' of Southampton," said club chairman Alan Woodford.

BARNES STILL HAPPY WITH WATFORD

JOHN BARNES, Watford's exciting English international winger, says he wants to stay with Elton John's club — although he knows he is wanted by more glamorous teams.

"If Watford want to sell me, I suppose I'll go," said Barnes, "but I shall certainly not ask for a transfer.

Arsenal were ready to pay \$2,000,000 for the player a year ago and

would still pay a huge fee to get him.

The fee could be adequately covered if Arsenal sold stars like Tony Woodcock, Tommy Caton, Paul Mariner and

Steve Williams.

If Barnes does leave Watford, however, he is more likely to move to Europe where his pay would be far better than anything an English club could manage.

THEY CAN'T BRING BACK EUSEBIO!

THE magnificent Stadium of Light, home of Portugal's Benfica, where the fantastic Eusebio used to parade his skills so regularly, has been enlarged and is now officially the biggest football stadium in Europe.

The ground can now accommodate 120,000 — that is even more than

Mexico City's Azteca — but still the fans are unhappy. They claim that any

spare money in the Benfica kitty should have been used to buy new players

... not new grandstand seats.

COME HOME BOYS

KEMPES CASHES IN

THREE of the exiles expected to help Uruguay on the road to World Cup success have been called back from their European clubs.

National coach Omar Borrás has selected Venancio Ramos from Lens in France, Da Silva from Atletico Madrid and Wilma Cabrera from Valencia in Spain.

As champions of South America, Uruguay are attracting attention with the bookies and it would not be a major surprise if they carried off the Cup for a third time.

HERE'S a story we find very difficult to believe — even though it appeared in a South American newspaper.

Mario Kempes, Argentina's 1978 World Cup hero, has signed for Austrian second division club Vienna and is getting \$400,000 for an 18-month contract.

Kempes played for Valencia in Spain after his World Cup triumphs and almost joined Spurs a couple of years ago, but the London club decided he was not fit enough for the English first division.



MARIO KEMPES during the 1982 World Cup Finals.

SWINDON TOWN offered manager Lou Macari a new contract but the former Manchester United and Scotland ace told them to tear it up.

Said Macari: "I didn't sign a contract when I came here and I don't want one now. I never want to hid behind a piece of paper.

He has proved a point by taking Swindon to the top of the fourth division — after being sacked, and reinstated, last season.

MILLWALL claim they could be forced out of football by the insistence of the English F.A. that all their home matches must be all-ticket.

The strict rule was brought in after persistent crowd misbehaviour at Millwall's ground.

Now the club reckons its gates have slumped and the all-ticket edict will cost at least \$200,000 this year.

"No club can stand that loss," said a Millwall official.

ENGLAND HAS NO WORLD CUP SPONSOR

MOST of the competing nations in the World Cup are being heavily sponsored for their Mexican expedition.

Not England, though. Dick Wragg, chairman of the FA's International Committee, admits that no major sponsor has been signed.

England has banned sponsorship connected with tobacco or booze — and that cuts down the

field of potential sponsors.

But the anti-smoking lobby has put about \$50,000 into the England kitty in exchange for a Jersey logo which reads ... PACESETTERS DON'T SMOKE.

England boss Bobby Robson says: "If, through

the England team, we can encourage all youngsters not to smoke, that is more important than England winning the World Cup.

"My advice to youngsters is to save their money instead of squandering it on smokes — buy a pair of boots instead and play the game."

ARABS MAKE THREATS

MOROCCO'S World Cup squad is in the hands of a Brazilian coach - Jose Faria - and he is already threatening defeat for England in Mexico.

"Morocco will create a sensation in Mexico,"

thundered Jose.

If we can believe this

coach, Morocco will dance all over England.

Jose claims: "I have worked hard with my players and have succeeded in getting them to play in the Brazilian samba rhythm. This will shock

our opponents, England, Portugal and Poland."

That is good positive thinking, but it'll be quite a shock if Morocco manage to win even one game in the World Cup.



STEVE PERRYMAN hoists the FA Cup in 1982 as captain of Tottenham Hotspur. He has 700 games and a new contract if he wants it.

ROBERTO'S RECORD

WHEN Roberto Pruzzo scored five goals for A.S. Roma against Avellino last week he equalled a record which has stood in the Italian first division for 40 years.

Yes, it's that long since anyone banged in five goals in one match.

IN FAVOUR

PETER HUCKER, QPR's star FA Cup Final goalkeeper, is back in favour after appearing to have no future with the club.

Hucker played the first nine games of the season but was dropped and spent the next 25 matches in the reserves.

Now he has been brought in to replace flu victim Paul Barron.



PETER HUCKER

700 — MATCH STEVE

SPURS captain Steve Perryman is 34 but he has just been offered another one-year contract.

Steve is giving the offer consideration but wants to keep this options open for the time being.

"I have been with Spurs

for 18 years after signing as a schoolboy," he said, "but there are many things I have to consider."

Perryman, who looks

well suited to become a top team manager, has played more than 700 first team games for the one club — a magnificent record of club loyalty.

USSR DISCOVERS HOT-SHOT ACE

COULD it be that the Soviet Union has at last found a centre-forward with the power and scoring ability to strike fear into World Cup opponents?

Word from Moscow

suggests they have just the man in Oleg Protasov. Last season Protasov

blasted 35 League goals. And that's a lot of goals in any language.

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	30	19	6	5	69	35	62
Man Utd	29	18	5	6	52	25	59
Liverpool	30	15	9	6	57	33	54
Chelsea	27	16	6	5	45	29	54
West Ham	26	15	6	5	42	24	51
Luton	30	13	9	8	47	33	48
Notts Fst	29	14	4	11	52	42	46
Arsenal	26	13	7	6	32	29	46
Sheff Wed	28	13	7	8	44	44	42
Newcastle	28	11	9	8	41	43	42
Man City	30	11	8	11	36	38	41
Watford	27	11	6	10	46	43	39
Tottenham	29	11	5	13	41	36	38
Coventry	31	9	8	14	43	54	35
Southamp	29	9	7	13	37	41	34
QPR	29	10	4	15	31	43	34
Leicester	28	6	9	13	37	51	27
Oxford	28	6	8	15	42	57	26
Ipswich	28	7	5	16	22	40	25
Aston Villa	28	5	10	13	31	43	25
Birmingham	29	6	4	19	19	42	22
WBA	30	3	7	20	25	68	16

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	29	18	7	4	60	26	61
Portsmouth	29	17	7	5	50	30	58
Charlton	27	14	6	7	50	30	48
Wimbledon	28	13	7	8	37	28	46
Sheff Utd	28	12	7	9	47	40	43
Brighton	29	12	7	10	49	44	43
Crystal P	29	11	7	11	39	44	40
Hull	28	11	9	8	48	40	40
Stoke	30	10	12	8	39	39	42
Barnsley	29	11	8	10	31	30	41
Grimsby	29	10	8	11	44	43	38
Oldham	29	11	5	13	45	49	38
Blackburn	28	9	9	10	33	39	36
Shrewsbury	29	10	5	14	36	45	35
Leeds	30	10	5	15	38	52	35
Sunderland	29	9	7	13	32	45	34
Millwall	25	10	7	13	39	42	33
Bradford	24	10	3	11	28	35	33
Huddersfld	27	7	10	10	37	45	31
Middlesbrough	28	7	7	14	25	36	28
Fulham	27	8	3	14	25	33	27
Carlisle	25	5	5	17	26	55	20

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	29	21	4	4	47	31	67
Gillingham	31	16	9	6	58	34	57
Wigan	31	15	9	7	57	32	54
Derby	26	14	8	4	51	21	50
Walsall	30	15	5	10	39	42	50
Doncaster	33	13	11	9	35	39	50
Notts County	30	13	9	8	48	39	48
Plymouth	30	13	7	10	48	41	46
Bristol City	31	12	10	9	47	44	46
Brentford	30	12	7	11	34	40	43
Rotherham	30	11	7	10	43	35	42
York	30	12	6	12	49	42	42
Blackpool	30	11	8	11	47	34	41
Bristol Rovers	27	12	4	11	38	43	40
Chesterfield	30	11	10	9	36	37	38
Bournemouth	31	10	5	16	46	48	35
Newport	30	7	14	9	30	35	35
Bolton	31	10	5	16	34	44	35
Cardiff	33	9	6	18	39	59	33
Darlington	27	7	8	13	42	54	30
Bury	29	7	6	16	37	53	29
Swansea	33	8	5	20	29	63	29
Lincoln	28	5	10	13	33	54	25
Wolves	30	6	6	18	37	69	24

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	30	21	1	8	44	29	64
Chester	32	17	11	4	65	34	62
Mansfield	30	18	5	7	55	33	59
Hartlepool	29	17	7	7	49	33	56
Port Vale	30	14	9	7	46	42	50
Stockport	31	14	8	9	43	45	48
Orient	30	13	9	8	50	36	48
Southend	29	12	7	10	43	45	43
Northamp	29	12	6	11	52	44	42
Colchester	29	11	9	9	41	44	41
Rochdale	29	12	5	12	43	43	41
Burnley	30	12	4	14	57	49	40
Tranmere	30	11	6	13	48	50	39
Hareford	28	10	6	12	37	41	36
Aldershot	29	9	7	13	42	57	34
Wrexham	30	8	9	13	38	49	33
Halifax	27	7	11	9	35	42	32
Peterbor	29	8	8	13	25	35	32
Exeter	29	9	5	13	48	70	32
Cambridge	29	7	5	13	29	36	30
Scunthorpe	30	7	8	15	31	49	29
Crewe	32	6	7	19	34	61	25
Preston	30	6	5	17	24	57	23
Torquay	28	6	5	17	24	57	23

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	28	14	9	5	44	28	37
Aberdeen	27	13	8	6	49	24	34
Dundee Utd	25	12	8	6	41	21	33
Celtic	26	12	8	6	41	21	33
Rangers	28	11	7	10	39	30	29
Dundee	27	10	6	11	32	44	26
St Mirren	25	9	4	12	32	39	22
Hibernian	25	9	5	12	36	47	20
Clydebank	27	5	8	16	24	53	16
Motherwell	24	4	5	15	22	44	13

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	24	14	7	3	51	24	35
Kilmarnock	27	12	7	8	42	36	31
Dumbarton	24	11	7	6	40	31	29
Falkirk	25	11	5	9	34	22	28
Forfar	25	10	8	7	33	28	28
Morton	28	9	8	11	40	48	26
Brechin	23	10	4	9	38	36	24
Airdrie	25	7	10	9	29	35	22
Montrose	23	7	7	9	32	28	25
Albion	23	5	11	9	28	41	21
East Fife	23	5	11	9	28	41	21
Clyde	23	6	9	8	23	31	21
Partick	24	6	9	9	26	43	20
Ayr	25	6	8	11	26	43	20
Alloa	23	5	7	11	31	42	17

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queen o'Sth	24	16	6	2	47	16	38
Dunfermlin	24	14	6	4	57	33	34
Queen's Pk	26	13	4	9	41	31	30
Meadowbank	25	10	9	6	42	31	29
St Johnst	22	12	2	8	42	29	26
Arbroath	23	10	6	8	33	31	26
Cowdenbth	23	9	5	9	30	26	23
Stirling	23	9	5	9	30	26	23
Raith	24	7	6	11	41	45	20
Stenhousem	21	8	2	11	36	45	18
E Stirling	27	7	5	13	26	38	17
Berwick	25	4	8	11	28	44	16
Stranraer	25	6	3	16	26	48	15
Albion	23	4	4	15	23	58	12

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atalanta v S'doria	2-1						
Avellino v Pisa	1-1						
Barl v Juve	0-3						
F'ina v Roma	1-1						
Inter v Lecce	3-0						
Torino v Milan	2-0						
Udinese v Como	2-2						
Verona v Napoli	2-2						

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juve	22	14	7	1	34	8	35
Roma	22	14	3	5	35	17	31
Napoli	22	8	10	4	23	18	26
Torino	22	8	9	5	23	18	25
Inter	22	8	7	6	29	24	25
Milan	22	8	9	5	20	17	25
F'ina	22	6	11	5	22	17	23
Verona	22	7	7	8	21	28	21

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting v P'nense	4-2						
S'gueiros v Benfica	1-1						
(interrupted at halftime)							
Academ v Porto	1-2						
B'nenses v Boavista	1-1						
Penafiel v Covilha	2-0						
Aves v Setubal	2-0						
Chaves v G'maraes	0-1						
Brage v Maritimo	0-0						

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	21	16	3	2	42	8	35
Sporting	22	15	5	2	48	13	35
Porto	22	16	3	3	46	16	35
G'maraes	22	12	7	3	38	17	31

SPAIN

Cadiz v Barcelona	1-
V'dolid v Hercules	3-
R.Madrid v Sevilla	2-
Celta v Bilbao	0-
Sporting v Osasuna	1-
Sociedad v At Madrid	2-
Betis v Zaragoza	0-
Valencia v Racing	0-
Espanol v L. Palmas	2-